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Dukakis' Jerusalem position criticised

BOSTON, June 11, (Agencies): Democrat Michael Dukakis indicated yesterday he would favour moving the US embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to occupied Jerusalem.

Dukakis talked to reporters after a private, 20-minute meeting with former President Jimmy Carter, who was in Boston promoting a new book.

Asked about reports that as president he would change US policy and move the embassy in Israel, Dukakis replied, "I didn't say that. I said that on television traditionally has been to go where the host nation says its capital is."

A short time later, as reporters continued to press him on the issue, Dukakis said: "If a nation decides that part of a community within its borders is its capital, traditionally we have accepted that. I would do the same in this case."

Asked by reporters, "So you would move it (the embassy)?" the governor responded, "If Israel says that's where its capital is — yes."

Shultz
Israel, which claims Jerusalem as its capital, would like for the United States to move the embassy. The United States, however, does not recognise Jerusalem, which is in disputed territory, as the capital.

Secretary of State George Shultz has called Dukakis' support for moving the US embassy in Israel to Jerusalem "shocking," saying it would ruin Middle East peace efforts.

"It would ruin it (the peace effort)," Shultz said in a television interview. "It would be a gigantic mistake, and it's shocking that anyone would make such a proposal."

West German and British ships attacked

Iranians strike twice in Gulf

MANAMA, June 11, (Agencies): Iranian gunboats staged bold daylight raids on a West German freighter and a British-owned supertanker 350 miles (580 km) apart today in what one US military official called "a direct show of defiance" of American military strength in the Gulf.

A US warship was dispatched to aid the 258,979-ton supertanker Esso Demetia off the Saudi Arabian coast north of Bahrain, after it sent out what a US naval spokesman called a "general appeal for assistance" just before dusk.

The spokesman, Lt Cmdr Brad Goforth, said the warship, which he declined to name, was about 45 miles (76 km) away, indicating it could reach the stricken ship in about 1-1/2 hours.

Shipping executives said two Iranian gunboats carried out the attack on the British-flagged Esso Demetia, the first in a number of months in the northern sector of the Gulf.

The attack left the vessel ablaze, but it was not known whether there were any casualties, they said.

Earlier, at about 2 pm (1100 GMT), two other gunboats struck some 300 miles (480 kms) south in the Hormuz, attacking the German freighter Dhaulagiri with machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades, killing one seaman.

Ambush
Two other crew members aboard the 11,744-ton Dhaulagiri were injured in the ambush in the gateway of the Gulf, the executives said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The freighter, on charter to an American shipping line, was manned by a crew of five Germans and 14 Filipinos, the sources said. The casualties were Filipinos.

"It may be more than just coincidental that these latest attacks occurred just a day after a big American convoy passed through those same waters," said one US Navy officer, speaking on condition he not be named. "You can easily make the case that the Iranians are attacking ships in areas where they know the Americans can't get to them in time. It can easily be interpreted as a direct show of defiance by Iran."

The convoy, the 36th of the

year, included three US-flagged tankers and two warships, the destroyer John Hancock and the missile frigate Fabrian.

The Dhaulagiri, by coincidence, was one of about nine non-US flagged ships that had tagged along with the convoy as it prepared to enter the Strait of Hormuz late Thursday, seeking the protection of the US warships.

It, along with the other hitchhikers, had dropped out at some point in the journey. But it was moving northward into the strait again when it was attacked while sailing alone today.

US officers said there was no way to tell whether the Iranians might have specifically targeted the freighter because it had tried to seek US protection on the earlier trip.

The attack on the Dhaulagiri was the first by Iran in two weeks, and came after Iraqi warplanes broke a two-week lull in the Gulf's "tanker war" with an attack on Thursday that killed two crew members aboard a chartered tugboat. Iraq claimed another air strike on Friday but it was not independently confirmed.

One civilian radio monitor quoted the captain of Dhaulagiri as saying the three seamen were on the deck "when something came in a flash and burst" apparently referring to a shoulder-fired rocket-propelled grenade. He said one crewman "died on the spot from a direct hit" and the other two were severely wounded.

The sources said a man speaking with a Filipino accent was heard radioing frantically for assistance. "He was begging, almost crying, for helicopter assistance to remove the wounded," said one.

Injured
The sources said an Omani Navy patrol boat responded to the distress call and took the injured to a hospital.

The Dhaulagiri was bound for the Saudi Arabian port of Dammam when attacked, the sources said.

In the Hague, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said today that the Dutch minesweeper Urk will stay in the Gulf until Nov 1 to assure the safe passage of ships there.

Dutch Defence Minister Wim Van Eekelen said in April that



A seaman aboard the Dhaulagiri container ship covers the face of the Filipino crewman killed in an Iranian attack. (Reuters wirephoto)

the Netherlands was committed to keeping a minesweeping presence in the Gulf until July 1. The spokesman gave no specific reason for the extension of the tour of duty of the Urk.

Two other minesweepers, the Maasuis and the Hellevoetsluis have already set sail from the Gulf for the Netherlands and are expected to arrive at their base at Den Helder on June 17.

8 killed in Beirut camp fighting

BEIRUT, June 11, (AP): Yasser Arafat's Palestinian commandos battled dissidents for the fourth day today for control of two Beirut refugee camps. Police reported eight people killed and 17 wounded.

The battles raised the police's casualty toll to 18 dead and 77 wounded since fighting erupted on Wednesday in the Bourj El Barajneh and Chatilla camps.

Police said Arafat's Fatah faction, the main component of the PLO, and Col. Saeed Mousa's Fatah-uprising battled with Howitzers, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns.

The fighting raged despite ceasefire settlement efforts by a security committee made up of representatives from several Palestinian groups.

Ignored
"Several ceasefire calls overnight were ignored," said a police spokesman, who cannot be named under standing regulations.

A Fatah spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, claimed his commandos "repulsed several overnight attacks from outside the camps" by Mousa's fighters.

Arafat loyalists had dislodged Mousa's commandos from both shantytowns in a series of battles over the last two months. But the dissidents have regrouped on the fringes of the shantytowns, where Syrian troops are in control.

Maghreb committee

ALGIERS, June 11, (Agencies): Five North African states, holding their first summit in their history, yesterday took the first step towards creating a regional grouping.

A brief communique issued at the end of a meeting of leaders of Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia said they had agreed to set up a committee charged with examining ways of achieving greater unity in the region, known as the Maghreb.

The committee is to hold its first meeting in the Algerian capital on July 13.

Soviets hint at slowing down Afghan pullout

NEW YORK, June 11, (Agencies): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze accused the United States and Pakistan yesterday of violating the Geneva accords ending the Soviet presence in Afghanistan, and warned Soviet troops might slow down their withdrawal.

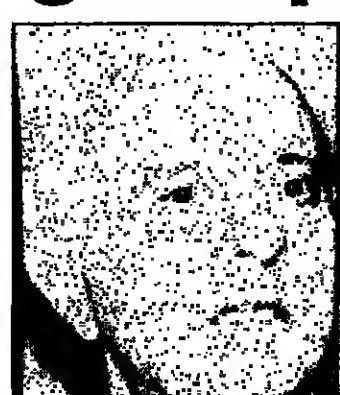
It was the first accusation made by Moscow against the United States since the UN-mediated accords were signed in Geneva April 14. The accords call for the Soviet Union to withdraw its 115,000 troops within nine months beginning May 1.

Shevardnadze's deputy Vladimir Petrovsky said this week that 15,000 soldiers were sent home so far.

Accused
Shevardnadze said in an address to the special UN General Assembly session on Wednesday that "the other party" has not complied with provisions in the agreement by giving training facilities to US-armed rebels fighting Soviet and Afghan troops and sending weapons to rebels inside Afghanistan.

Petrovsky identified the "violating partner" as Pakistan to reporters following the address.

Shevardnadze told a news conference yesterday before return-



Shevardnadze

ing to Moscow that "when we accused Pakistan of non-compliance of the Geneva agreement, we also had in mind the United States."

"If Pakistan violates the agreement, of course the United States bears a portion of responsibility," he said. "The Soviet Union has been scrupulously observing all the provisions of the agreement."

Shevardnadze said increased attacks by the US-armed rebels did not impair the fighting ability of the Afghan government troops, saying that "they are doing fine."

In his address to the General Assembly on Tuesday,

Najibullah also accused Pakistan of violating the accords.

Shevardnadze said "it is quite legitimate" for the Soviet Union to review the withdrawal schedule in case violations of the accords persist, but he said "it would be the extreme measure and that's something we don't want to do."

The Pakistani government today denied allegations by Afghanistan that Pakistan is violating the Geneva accords by aiding anti-communist rebels.

Islamabad also accused Afghanistan of violating Pakistani air, space and territory.

The allegations made by the Kabul side were rejected and a point-by-point reply has been handed over to the United Nations," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Intended
Meanwhile, the United Nations called on the world community to donate more than \$1 billion over 18 months to help the people of Afghanistan resettle their war-shattered nation.

Sadrudin Aga Khan, the coordinator of the UN's humanitarian and economic assistance programme for Afghanistan, said the \$1.66 billion relief is intended to see the Afghan people through two crop cycles.

Buildings near Golden Temple demolished

AMRITSAR, India, June 11, (UPI): Workers tore down five buildings near the Golden Temple yesterday in launch a massive demolition project authorities hope will end separatist violence at Sikhism's holiest shrine.

About 50 officials and municipal workers arrived at the Gali Baghwalli area, just outside the Golden Temple in Amritsar, 250 miles (400 km) northwest of New Delhi, and razed the five buildings.

The demolition marked the beginning of a Rs. 1.1 billion (\$84 million) government plan to create a 32-yard-wide "security corridor" around the Golden Temple by demolishing 1,062 commercial properties and 418 residences.

"It was a symbolic act. We will come back and continue the demolition," an official at the site said. The official said authorities took over the five buildings after paying the owners a total of about \$270,000.

Pledged
The demolition was delayed when thousands of angry residents protested their planned eviction without compensation and threatened to derail the project, but tempers were calmed when the government pledged to find them housing.

Authorities hope that razing the structures will eliminate a maze of narrow alleys by which Sikh extremists entered and left the temple undetected and will make it easier for security forces to screen people entering the area.

Postponed
The demolition was originally scheduled to begin last Tuesday but was postponed after about 300 residents, mostly tenants, waved black flags and staged a sit-in to prevent officials from entering the area.

Authorities had promised generous cash compensation and alternative sites at concessional rates to building owners but offered little compensation to tenants.

As tension increased, authorities met with protesters and announced an indefinite postponement of the demolition. They later agreed to make proper housing arrangements for tenants before beginning the demolition.

No violence was reported during yesterday's demolition.

Khomeini in good health: minister

VIENNA, June 11, (Reuters): Ayatollah Khomeini is in good health, his country's oil minister said today when asked about a US television report that Iran's spiritual leader might die of cancer in two or three months.

"He is more strong than me as you hear me now," Gholamreza Aqazadeh told reporters covering a meeting in Vienna of the OPEC.

CBS television news in the United States quoted intelligence reports on Thursday as saying cancer had spread from Khomeini's prostate to his liver and that a government transition had begun.

Aqazadeh made no further comment about the health of the veteran cleric.

The minister later said that he had seen Khomeini a few days ago.

DAY BY DAY

DESPITE the availability of top-quality printing services in Kuwait, some government agencies and joint-stock companies send their senior executives abroad (Italy, Britain or Singapore) for their printing requirements.

The government should dissuade local printing from going abroad — local printing houses should be given every encouragement to develop and afforded protection by levying customs duty on local needs being printed and imported into Kuwait.

Zahed Matar

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Sunset: 6.48 pm
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Ahmed: 36°C (97°F)
Fahala: 39°C (102°F)
Minimum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 26°C (79°F)
Ahmed: 32°C (90°F)
Fahala: 31°C (88°F)
Maximum temperature expected:
Kuwait: 43°C (109°F)
Ahmed: 37°C (99°F)
Fahala: 40°C (104°F)
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 58 per cent
Ahmed: 68 per cent
Fahala: 75 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 45 per cent
Ahmed: 75 per cent
Fahala: 80 per cent

INTERNATIONAL

Bangladesh group to challenge Islamic law in court

DHAKA, June 11, (AP): A new resistance group has announced it will go to court to challenge legislation establishing Islam as the state religion in Bangladesh.

National Resistance Committee chairman Kamaluddin Hussain, a former chief justice of the Bangladesh Supreme Court, told a news conference that "the current Parliament elected through ... balloting boycotted by the people has no right to make any fundamental change or amendment to the constitution. We will go to the court to challenge the law."

The current Parliament was elected March 3, after President Hossein Mohammad Ershad dissolved the previous Parliament in the wake of extensive demonstrations and strikes aimed at forcing his resignation.

His Jatiya Party holds 252 of the legislature's 300 seats. Foreign journalists and independent observers estimated the turnout for the March 3 election as three per cent or less. The government put voter turnout at 75 per cent.

Parliament passed the bill on Tuesday and Ershad signed it.

into law on Thursday. The measure declared Islam the state religion, but placed no restrictions on other religions.

More than 85 per cent of Bangladesh's 105 million people are Muslims, with Buddhists, Hindus and Christians the other major religions.

Hussain said the committee would object to the law before the Supreme Court, but did not elaborate. The committee supports a nationwide general strike called for tomorrow by the country's major opposition parties.

Encouragement

"We believe that the state religion law has downgraded Hindus, Christians and Buddhists ... to second-class citizens," the committee said in a prepared statement.

Although Ershad and his supporters insisted the law would not affect minority communities, political analysts said it could encourage conservatives to press for rigid Islamic laws.

They said such laws would particularly affect women, whose rights are limited under Islamic tradition.

Ozal to visit Athens

ATHENS, June 11, (AP): Premier Andreas Papandreu of Greece and Turgut Ozal of Turkey open talks Monday in an effort to cement a fragile reconciliation between the traditionally hostile NATO allies.

Ozal's three-day visit to Athens — the first by a Turkish premier in 36 years — is the latest stage in a rapprochement that began in January with a Greek-Turkish summit at the Swiss ski resort of Davos.

Suspicion

"We went to Davos and agreed on a no-war course ... We haven't ensured peace but we're striving for consolidation of peace in the region," Papandreu told the Parliament.

Fifteen months ago, Greece and Turkey nearly went to war over oil-drilling rights in the Aegean in a flare-up that apparently convinced Papandreu to change his hardline policy toward Ankara.

For years, the former American economics professor had rejected Ozal's offers of friendship, suggesting that Turkey had deep-laid plans to snatch a handful of Greek islands lying close to the Turkish Aegean coast.

Papandreu's anti-Turkish rhetoric struck a chord with ordinary Greeks who view Turkey with suspicion tinged with fear — a legacy of four centuries of Ottoman Turkish rule in Greece and periodic eruptions of violence over the past 30 years.

Marcos loyalists ransack armoury

Filipino gunmen try to free coup plotters

MANILA, June 11, (AP): Former soldiers loyal to deposed President Marcos ransacked a military armoury today but were stopped before they could free comrades jailed for alleged coup attempts, the military said.

An estimated 200 raiders fled with 24 M-16 rifles from the armoury when guards fired at them as they tried to free some of the 160 people, mostly soldiers, detained at suburban Camp Crame, said Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, chief of the Philippine Constabulary.

His troops prepared for the assault after receiving intelligence reports that "Marcos loyalists" would try to rescue inmate Orlando Dulay, a former

assemblyman close to the former president, and other detainees.

Dulay has been jailed for more than a year on charges he masterminded the killing of several followers of President Corazon Aquino during her 1986 presidential election campaign.

Mrs Aquino was swept into power and Marcos was deposed during the campaign.

Link

Montano linked the raiders to Reynaldo Cabatuan, a former major and Marcos loyalist involved in a failed coup attempt in January 1987. He said the raiders wore black hoods, fatigue pants, black T-shirts with "Black Forest Commando" insignias and red arm bands, which some

of Cabatuan's men were seen wearing in the past.

Meanwhile, military units were placed on maximum alert throughout the nation today, but officials said the move was not related to the Camp Crame incident. They said it was a routine measure to prevent any disruption of celebrations tomorrow which marks the 90th anniversary of the declaration of Philippine independence from Spain.

Constabulary spokesman Lt Col Cris Maralit said the raid began before dawn at 4 am with the raiders riding in a white van and a car that apparently were parked inside the camp the day before.

It was not clear whether the raiders stayed overnight inside the camp, the Constabulary's national headquarters. Maralit said most likely they slipped in one by one during the night. He said the raiders first ransacked the armoury of the Constabulary's brass band and proceeded to the jail compound where they were stopped by sentries who fired on them.

Questioned

The raiders immediately withdrew and shot back at soldiers near the camp's gymnasium, Maralit said.

He said an undetermined number of raiders were believed hit in the exchange. No government casualties were reported.

Maralit said one soldier stationed at the raided armoury was being questioned for possible links to the raiders, "ease and precision," Maralit said.

Many of the detainees at Camp Crame are soldiers jailed for ordinary crimes but at least 34 of them are accused of involvement in at least five coup attempts against Mrs Aquino's government.

The military has filed murder and kidnapping charges against a Swede, a West German and a Filipino of German descent arrested this week for alleged links with communist rebels, an officer said today.

Outcome of French polls too close to call

PARIS, June 11, (Reuters): France's political parties have wound up their election campaigns amid growing uncertainty that tomorrow's general election will give President Francois Mitterrand and the Socialist majority he needs in Parliament.

Despite a flurry of last-minute appeals by Socialist leaders, pollsters said the outcome of the second round vote on June 12 was too close to call — with the Socialists either winning a narrow majority or falling just short.

Pollsters, banned from publishing opinion polls in the two weeks before an election, said forecasts had been thrown into disarray by a record 34 per cent abstention rate at the June 5 first round poll, in which the Socialists failed to achieve their expected landslide.

Nervous

Showing increasing signs of nervousness, the Socialists launched a series of eleven-hour calls for support from their sympathisers before the deadline for political campaigning expired at midnight on Friday.

"Today there is a risk that the right will return to power," warned Socialist Prime Minister Michel Rocard. "Last Sunday was a day for family communities, next Sunday people will have to vote," he added.

"It is arithmetically possible

that on Sunday night we might lack a working majority in the National Assembly," said Socialist ex-Prime Minister Laurent Fabius in a statement.

Mitterrand, defying television caricatures who have nicknamed him "god" because of his aloof detachment from the campaign, appeared on Thursday on prime time television to call for a majority — his second such plea in two days.

Prediction

Until recently the right glumly expected to lose their six-seat majority in the 577-member National Assembly, but their courage returned when they saw signs of alarm in the left-wing camp.

The Socialists are panicking. Having tried to make the country believe that they were guaranteed victory, they are now on the defensive," said Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the ultra right National Front.

Former Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, founder of the neo-Gaullist RPR party, predicted Mitterrand would be unable to govern without the support of the Communist Party.

Speaking on national television, Chirac called for a power-sharing arrangement between a centre-right Parliament and the Socialist President, similar to the political "cohabitation" of the past.

Union leader jailed

Soviet police halt protest march

MOSCOW, June 11, (UPI): Police today halted a public demonstration by members of the newly formed Democratic Union called to protest a seven day jail sentence given yesterday to Valeria Novodvorskaya, one of the union's founding members.

Plainclothes police pounced on six members of the union as they unfurled banners in Moscow's Pushkin Square to protest Novodvorskaya's sentencing. "Freedom for Novodvorskaya," said one banner. "Down with tyranny, long live freedom," said another.

The protesters were quickly dragged into a waiting bus and hauled off to a militia station for questioning. The entire demonstration lasted less than one minute.

March

As police hauled the protesters away, passers-by engaged in spirited debate about the right to protest and the correctness of the police action.

Yesterday a judge sentenced Novodvorskaya to seven days in jail on charges of public disorder stemming from a protest march in Moscow last April 15. It was her second jail sentence for public protests demanding a multi-party system in the Soviet

Union in less than a month. On May 17 she was sentenced to 15 days in prison for participating in a public protest calling for an end to single party rule.

The Democratic Union, a loose association of unofficial human rights and activist groups from across the Soviet Union, was founded in Moscow May 7 as an opposition party to the ruling communist one.

Its manifesto calls for challenging the authority of the Communist Party and testing the limits of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of glasnost or openness.

The formation of an opposition party is strictly forbidden by the Soviet constitution.

Police arrested about 70 of the more than 100 people who attended the founding three days of meetings in May. Most were released after several hours and those from out of town were sent packing.

On May 8 police arrested Sergei Grigoryants, the editor of the dissident journal Glasnost, who had assisted union members by lending them the use of his country home for one of the founding meetings.

Grigoryants was sentenced to seven days in jail for resisting arrest.



British Member of Parliament Cyril Smith gets a kiss from his mother, Beatrice Smith after being knighted by the Queen. (Reuters wirephoto)

Nobel prize winners receive knighthoods

Queen honours 679 Britons

LONDON, June 11, (AP): Two Nobel prize laureates, novelist William Golding and biologist Aaron Klug, received knighthoods today. Other honours went to a "snooper" star and the man in charge of sweeping the streets around Parliament.

They were among 679 Britons whose good works were rewarded by Queen Elizabeth II in the twice-yearly ritual known as the Honours List.

The latest list, celebrating the monarch's birthday, honoured a doctor, a nurse and a hospital porter who helped the injured in an Irish Republican Army bombing that killed 12 people in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, in November.

OBE

An OBE, or Officer of the Order of the British Empire, went to surgeon Andrew McKibbin, who headed the teams of doctors treating the injured.

Emergency nurse Jane Packham became an MBE, or Member of the Order of the British Empire, for her work in the same disaster. Ernie's head porter, Patrick Curry, received a BEM, or British Empire Medal, for getting the injured to operating rooms and to other hospitals.

Golding, who wrote the best-

selling Lord of the Flies, won the 1983 Nobel prize in literature, and Klug won the 1982 prize for "molecular biology."

A ceremony at Buckingham Palace later this year, they will kneel before the Queen, who will tap their shoulders with a sword. Afterward, they may call themselves Sir William and Sir Aaron.

Other knighthoods went to composer Harrison Birtwhistle and veteran Liberal Party law-

Loyalty

Shakespearean actor Michael Bryant became a CBE, or Commander of the Order of the British Empire, and snooker ace Steve Davis received an MBE.

Sgt Ronald Lewis, baggage master to Prince Charles, became a member of the Royal Victorian Order. The Victorian Order is the monarch's personal gift, unlike the majority of the honours, which are chosen by the prime minister. Some honours are for political loyalty, but most recognize achievement in the arts, business, industry, civil service, sports, science, charity and heroism.

Many honours reflect the days when Britain ran an empire

covering one-fifth of the globe, and recipients range from the celebrated to the less known, like Arthur Christian Luff, first deacon and clerk of the rolls and deputy governor of the Isle of Man, who becomes a CBE.

A British Empire Medal went to Peter Codd, who manages the streetsweepers around the houses of Parliament and Downing Street, where the prime minister lives.

Highest

The highest award, a life peerage, went to Sir William Rees-Mogg, former editor of The Times and chairman of a new broadcasting standards council established to clean up sex and violence on television.

It entitles him to join some 1,200 members of the House of Lords, the unelected upper legislative house. Unlike members of the elected House of Commons, the peers are in for life. They cannot make laws, but can amend Commons legislation on non-financial matters.

The list is drawn up by the prime minister.

Lord Carrington, the outgoing secretary-general of NATO, was awarded a Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George.

UK and Iran agree on compensation

LONDON, June 11, (Reuters): Britain and Iran have reached broad agreement on settling mutual compensation claims for damage to their embassies which will cost Britain nearly £1 million (\$1.8 million).

A Foreign Office spokesman said that under the proposal Britain will pay Iran £1.8 million (\$3.2 million) and Iran will give Britain £900,000 (\$1.6 million).

Britain's embassy in Tehran was damaged by rioting in 1978 and 1979. Iran's mission in London was ravaged by fire in 1980 when British commandos stormed it to free diplomats held hostage by opponents of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Relations

Middle East analysts said the Iranian delegation's visit could pave the way to normalising relations after a diplomatic row last June left Britain with no representatives in Tehran and just one Iranian diplomat in London.

But Britain emphasised that the three-day talks did not cover the issue of British hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon and reiterated that it was not its policy to make deals to gain their freedom.

The Foreign Office yesterday said in a statement on the compensation claims: "Some technical points remain to be settled and we and the Iranians have agreed that we both need more time to consider these further."

Charges politically motivated: Wright

Probe into US House speaker's dealings

WASHINGTON, June 11, (AP): House of Representatives Speaker Jim Wright says he's confident the Ethics Committee inquiry into his financial dealings will show he has done no wrong.

But Republicans aren't waiting for the inquiry's completion before capitalising on the Democrat's troubles.

Wright says the charges against him would never have been raised had the Republicans not needed to deflect criticism of Vice-President George Bush, the Republicans' presidential nominee apparent.

Violated

"I have absolute confidence that the committee will find that no rule of the House has been violated," Wright said. "I don't think there's any question but that they're politically motivated."

Wright said yesterday he had underestimated the amount to which a speaker could become a political target. But if Attorney General Edwin Meese III and other officials of President Reagan's administration hadn't themselves been in ethics trouble, "I don't think there would have been a formal charge and all this fanfare," he said.

The Ethics Committee, consisting of 12 members equally divided between the two parties,

unanimously voted to begin an inquiry into six possible violations by Wright. They included:

- Contacting Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on behalf of a friend and financial associate when the Camp David accords threatened the friend's Middle East oil interests.

- Intervening with federal officials on behalf of another Texas oil company which might have had some financial relationships to the speaker.

- Whether Wright's campaign financed publication of a book for which the speaker earned \$55,000 in royalties.

- The use of a Capitol Hill staffer and office funds to help with the drafting of the book.

- The use of a condominium, owned by the family of a business partner, as his Texas home without having to pay a monthly rent.

The committee was silent on whether it planned to hire an outside counsel to handle the case, as Republicans were demanding.

Wright unleashed a media blitz yesterday to refute the allegations in the investigation even before they were announced at mid-day. He spent nearly two hours answering questions from print and broadcast reporters and released documents and a long narrative account of his actions.

US urged to recognise rebel Afghan government

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Peshawar, Pakistan, he said when Cordover was here "we told him that his efforts will come to naught." Shah confirmed that it was Cordover, who had asked the mujahedeen (guerrillas) to announce their government as soon as possible as this was the only way to topple the Soviet-backed Kabul regime.

Proposed

Shah said the idea of a coalition government, in which the present Kabul regime will participate, is totally rejected by the mujahedeen.

"We will never talk directly or indirectly with the puppet government," he said.

He added that the Afghan guerrillas have fulfilled the preconditions put forth by the United States for recognising the proposed interim government.

"We have more people, more land, and have full control over the free area. Thus, these conditions have been fulfilled," he said. "The US should recognise us."

He commented that the overall response of the friendly countries towards recognition is positive. "These countries say they need about three to four months to study the proposal ... but they are sympathetic and we hope these friendly countries will recognise us soon."

Shah commented that they plan to shift the headquarters of their proposed government from Peshawar to Afghanistan soon. This shift would occur after the appointment of some of the ministers, he said. The supreme Council of the alliance is presently discussing the organisational structure of the ministries.

Despite the Soviet Union's statements that its troops pulled out from Jalalabad today, they are stationing 2,000 troops secretly near Samarkand area, Shah claimed.

He denied the mujahedeen have intensified their attacks after the pullout began, but declared that the returning Soviet forces will be subject to attacks.

Attack

"We are not bound with the Geneva accord — so it is up to us to attack or not," he said. He also reiterated the rejection of the Geneva accord and said it was full of defects.

"We have many reservations about the Geneva accord and we see no signs that the Russians are sincere in pulling out," he claimed that there were more than 200,000 Soviet forces in Afghanistan and mujahedeen killed 60,000 of them during 8-1/2 years of occupation.

Replying to a question on the relations of the alliance with Pakistan after the Geneva accord, he said, they are still very friendly and cordial. "Whether we receive help or not we have to be very friendly with Pakistan — our presence in Pakistan is not conditional," he said.

He said the guerrillas do not intend to attack the UN observers in Afghanistan as they are officially accepted by Pakistan.

"We consider Pakistan's guests as our guests and they will be well treated."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Priest freed

MOSCOW, June 11, (Reuters): Russian priest Vasily Shipilov was freed after spending more than 40 years in labour camps and psychiatric clinics, a British clergyman who campaigned on his behalf said today.

The Reverend Dick Rogers, who spent long fasting in a cage in a London church to draw attention to father Vasily Shipilov's plight, said the priest was released yesterday from a psychiatric clinic in Moscow.

Shipilov had been flown to the Moscow clinic from a mental hospital in the Siberian city Krasnoyarsk, Rogers added.

Earthquake

ORMAN, California, June 11, (UPI): An earthquake of moderate strength rattled homes and businesses yesterday along a 200-mile stretch from central to southern California, possibly injuring two people, authorities said.

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Amir sends message to Prince Sultan

WASHINGTON, June 11, (KUNA): Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States Sheikh Saud Nasser Al Sabah flew to Birmingham, Alabama, today carrying a message from the Amir, to Saudi Second Deputy Premier, Defence and Aviation Minister, Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, wishing him a quick recovery following his recent operation.

Prince Sultan, who successfully underwent a knee operation, has been released from hospital and is currently recuperating in Birmingham.

Sheikh Saud, who has just returned from Kuwait, is also carrying get-well message from Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Abdullah, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, and Defence Minister Sheikh Saleh.

The Kuwaiti ambassador is currently finalising the official schedule of the visit of Sheikh Saud to Washington, scheduled for July 10-14, when he will meet with President Reagan at the White House on July 12.

Sheikh Sultan expressed his deep appreciation to the Kuwaiti ambassador for the warm and personal messages from HH the Amir and Kuwait's top officials and indicated he looked forward to returning home to the kingdom soon after his recuperation period is over and after he is allowed by his doctors to fly back.

Sheikh Salem meets Arab centre chief

KUWAIT'S Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah received in his office yesterday the director of the Riyadh-based Arab Centre for Security Studies and Training Dr Farouk Abdul Rahman and an accompanying delegation.

The minister hailed the centre's role in police science and training and added that Kuwait is keen to supporting its march to ensure its advancement and success.

Dr Farouk said that he was assigned by the Saudi Interior Minister, Prince Nayef Bin Abdul Aziz, to reorganise security apparatuses of the Gulf Co-operation Council countries.

The director said that for this purpose he was assigned to explore opinion of these countries' Interior Ministers' officials on best means of developing the security training programmes.

The delegation grouped commander of the King Fahd Security College Dr Farouk Ghazawi, director of the Public Security's Planning Section Col Abdullah Yusuf Ramadan and director of the Research Centre Mohammed Hassan Al Saghir.

Interior Undersecretary Maj. Gen. Yousef Bader Al Khorafi had earlier received director of the Arab Centre and the accompanying delegation.

'Rambo' of Firdous' to face trial

A LOCAL daily reported on Thursday that Faraj Nasser Al Enzi, a citizen known as the "Rambo of Firdous", would be brought before the court on Saturday, June 18. The defendant is accused of resisting and confusing security forces and murder. The defendant surrendered to the police on March 7, after using weapons to threaten and hold his family hostages for three days in his house. He shot at people on the road, killing a young citizen, Hazza Al Rashidi. Al Enzi will be sent back to the hospital where he underwent psychological tests two weeks after his arrest, so that a medical report about his case can be submitted to the court when sessions begin.

New projects to boost television transmission

INFORMATION Undersecretary Abdulaziz Ja'afar said that the ministry will embark on a plan to implement two projects to boost television transmission in north of Kuwait and the Gulf countries.

He added, in an interview with KUNA, that the decision was taken after the success of the first plan to boost transmission from the Mutla'a area to other remote parts of the country.

The two new projects will be implemented at stations on the Failaka Island and the Rawdatain area and will take several months before they are completed, Ja'afar said.

According to preliminary studies, the first experiment in Mutla'a achieved satisfactory results, especially that the transmission started to cover Kuwait

city and its suburbs and other border cities such as Salami.

Speaking in detail about the new Mutla'a station, Ja'afar said that Kuwait TV, a government-owned system, will be able from now on to offer various programmes topped by stereo and translated movies, in addition to making available the alternative of recording on FBS video system.

Eliminate

The antenna tower attached to the station, Ja'afar continued, weighs 336 tonnes, fixed by 8 kms of metal wires and is connected to cement foundations containing specialised antenna lines that boost television transmission.

The tower is also supplied with an elevator to carry workers to the top for maintenance pur-

poses and emergency cases, he added.

These facilities will enable the viewer to watch Programme One on channel five (instead of channel one) and Programme Two on channel 12 (instead of channel two).

According to Ja'afar, the Mutla'a station has four UHF transmission equipments with a total power of 220 kilo Watts to broadcast Programme One on channel 45 and Programme Two on channel 47.

The switch to UHF from VHF waves, he noted, was taken to eliminate chances of foreign waves' interference, a common phenomenon in VHF systems.

Ja'afar concluded that the Mutla'a project was completed in a record eight-month period.

Prince Abdullah off to Britain, Ireland

JEDDAH, June 11, (AP): Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdel Aziz left today for London for a three-day official visit at the invitation of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

It said the visit officially starts on Monday.

From London, the prince, who is also commander of the paramilitary National Guard, will fly to the Irish Republic for a visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Charles Haughey, the agency said.

Support

Mrs Thatcher visited Riyadh briefly in 1985 and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia paid a state visit to London last year.

Britain has close economic and diplomatic ties with Saudi Arabia.

The British support moves to

achieve an Arab-Israeli peace settlement as well as a United Nations Security Council cease-fire resolution to end the nearly 8-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Britain, like Saudi Arabia, is a major oil producer.

Saudi Arabia, the leading OPEC member, and its partners in the 13-nation body have been seeking British cooperation in curbing oil production to stabilise prices around the OPEC benchmark of 18 dollars a barrel.

Britain is one of Saudi Arabia's major arms supplier. It signed a 7.5 billion-dollar deal in 1986 to supply 72 Tornado combat fighters and 60 PC-9 Turboprop trainers provided jointly by British Aerospace and Pilatus of Switzerland.

The deal involves spin-off joint ventures in arms-related industries in Saudi Arabia.

PATAE to admit 7919

PUBLIC Authority for Training and Applied Education has decided to admit 7919 students in the academic year 1988/89, 6130 of these students will be holders of the Secondary School Certificate, 1664 holders of the Intermediate School Certificate and 125 from professional intermediate schools. The authority will accept applications from all Kuwaiti students except those who want to join the basic education faculty, who should get at least 60 per cent in the Secondary School Certificate. This is the only faculty which follows the

four year system instead of the usual two years. Applications will be received as of 25 June, 1988.

There will be a special provision of seats for children of non-Kuwaiti military staff who have served for 20 years. The authority has allocated 15 per cent of seats to non-Kuwaitis, who will have their applications accepted if they score more than 90 per cent in their exams, but this does not include the children of diplomatic and teaching staff of the authority.

No Israeli goods in Kuwaiti markets: Al Ghanem

THE director general of Kuwait's Customs Department Ibrahim Al Ghanem in an interview with a local daily said that there are no Israeli goods in the Kuwaiti markets.

He went on to say that the customs department was always vigilant to foil any direct or indirect attempt by Israel to break through the Arab boycott regulations. Such vigilance, he said, resulted in foiling several

attempts at smuggling into the country, explosive, political subversive bulletins and other contraband. He praised the cooperation between his department and the security authorities. Further, he disclosed that the department contemplates setting up three new frontier customs centres within one year. The implementation of these centres would be in cooperation with other concerned authorities and would among other tasks prevent non-Kuwaiti lorries from entering into the country.

Al Ghanem denied that the department would review the customs fee imposed on furniture imports. However, he upheld the increase of fees on cigarettes. He added the GCC countries were planning adopting several practical measures to unify the system of member states. This unified code will be discussed at the next meeting of GCC customs director generals.

Spanish envoy

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed received at his office yesterday the Ambassador of Spain to Kuwait.

King Fahd returns

JEDDAH, June 11, (KUNA): King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia returned here last night from Algiers after attending the emergency Arab summit conference there.

Fahd participated yesterday in the first summit meeting of the Arab Maghreb states, which groups Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, and Mauritania.

The Arab summit ended Thursday with an Arab consensus to fully support the Palestinian uprising in the occupied lands in order to enable this revolt to continue against the Zionist occupation of Palestine and to establish an independent state.

71 per cent pass in science exams

KUWAIT'S Minister of Education and Acting Minister of Higher Education, Anwar Al Nouri yesterday said that among those who appeared for the Secondary School Certificate science examinations 71 per cent passed.

In a press statement yesterday, Al Nouri said that a boy student from Al Salmiya Secondary School achieved 99.4 per cent marks to come top in the science exams, pointing out that boy students were more successful than girl students in the exams this year.

The Education Minister expressed hope of success for those who passed the exams and affirmed that there will be a second chance for students who did not pass some of the subjects in the first exams to exert more efforts to achieve success.

A blind girl, Ghadah Asif Ibrahim, stood eighth with a score of 94.1 per cent in this year's arts exams.

4 years for abducting girl

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a man to four years jail with hard labour to be followed by deportation for abducting a 17-year-old girl to Iran.

The court was informed that the girl had willingly accepted to elope with the accused who was her lover and marry him in Iran. It is alleged the girl was in love with the accused for a period of five years.

In another incident, the court acquitted a man charged with raping a girl.

The defendant informed the court that the girl while driving her car was being chased and harassed by a group of boys in their vehicles. The defendant stated that the girl asked him to ride in his car to ensure that she reached safely. The defendant was the girl's supervisor at work and consented to her request. However, a man pretending to be a detective insisted on riding with them and asked the defendant to get off the car. The impostor then took the girl to the desert and along with two other accomplices raped her.

Five years jail for dealing in drugs

THE Court of Criminal Appeals sentenced three men to five years imprisonment with a fine of KD5,000 each for dealing in heroin. The court, however, acquitted four other accused in the same case due to lack of evidence.

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Members of youth centres organised a cleanliness campaign at Salam beach to mark the occasion of the International Environment Day. Seventy members from Qadliya, Fahs, Dahiya and Jahra youth centres took part in the campaign. Picture shows youths cleaning the beach.

Passengers urged to co-operate with health offices

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Public Health Ministry has called upon passengers to co-operate with the health offices at the airport and border centres when they return to the country.

In the interests of public safety, certain travel regulations should be strictly adhered to. Passengers are asked not to bring foodstuffs into the country and those who are planning to travel to African countries or who wish to perform haj (pilgrimage) are requested to visit a health centre for vaccination against meningitis well in advance of their departure.

Upon their return, travellers

should again call at their health centre, where they will be checked and issued with a health card. Failure to do this will result in ministerial action, even if the traveller has returned from a low-risk country.

The source added that these measures were necessary precautions to minimise the risk of diseases entering the country and strongly advised citizens and expatriates to exercise caution when choosing their holiday location and, if possible, to avoid those places where dangerous diseases, such as AIDS, were prevalent.

Kuwait plays pioneering role in backing IFAD

CHAIRMAN of the International Fund for Agricultural Development Idris Jazairi said Kuwait played a pioneering role in backing the fund's policies and activities.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper published yesterday, Jazairi, hailed the effective participation of Kuwaiti representatives Faisal Al Khalid, current Minister of Commerce and Industry and former chairman of Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development. This effective role continued also with the present chairman of KFAED Badr Al Humaidhi.

About the fund's importance and responsibilities chairman of IFAD said the fund has managed to analyse the deep structure of rural poverty, interactions and social processes which negatively affect the interests of the poor.

Twenty million poor rural families have benefited from the fund's projects in increasing their agricultural, animal and fishery resources, he added.



Faisal Al Khalid, Minister of Commerce and Industry, was the winner of the first prize "Ford Crown Victoria car" donated by Arabian Motor Group, Kuwait, on the occasion of the 3rd National Handicapped Week in Kuwait organised by the Gulf Bank. Congratulations Faisal.

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ROYAL COURT

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Soud Al Abdullah Al Sabah received at his office yesterday, Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Sheikh Nasser Al Saud, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaibi and the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed.

Sheikh Soud also received the Minister of Planning Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, the Minister of Finance and acting Oil Minister Jassam Al Khorafi, the Minister of State for Housing Affairs and acting Minister of Commerce and Industry, Nasser Al Roudhan, the Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr Hamoud Al Raqobah, the Minister of Education and acting Minister of Higher Education Anwar Al Nouri and Kuwait's Ambassador to Sudan Abdullah Al Soree.

Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Soud Al Abdullah Al Sabah, yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to the Prime Minister of Portugal Ant6nio Cavaco Silva on the occasion of his country's National Day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Summit outcome lauded

A KUWAITI daily yesterday lauded the results reached at the extraordinary Arab summit in Algiers.

Al Rai Al Aam said that the resolutions reached by the summit are the most important in the history of Arab summits for the past 20 years.

It pointed out, in its front-page editorial titled "the ball now is in the PLO's court," the summit came six months late from the eruption of the uprising to make sure that the uprising was not "a seasonal or media outbreak."

The summit, it said, devoted a major part of its deliberations to reaffirm the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation for the Palestinians.

"It is undoubtedly a huge responsibility the Arab leaders threw on the PLO leadership, as if they wanted to test the uprising, its continuation and whether the Palestinians are serious about establishing an independent Palestinian state," it concluded.

GULF PRESS

Call for deeds not words after Algiers summit

GULF newspapers yesterday called for action not words following the Arab summit in Algiers which pledged total support for the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

"The everlasting question which persists after Arab summits remains. How will such decisions be translated into action and what are the guarantees for Arab commitment to them?" Asked an editorial in the Sharjah newspaper Al Khaleej.

"The question is whether the summit resolutions, especially those dealing with the US and Arab conflict with Israel, will be put into practice or remain confined to words," said the daily.

The summit, the best attended for more than a decade, ended on Thursday with a communique broadly condemning US policy and calling for an independent Palestinian homeland and full PLO participation in an international peace conference.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation will receive 43 million dollars a month to support the uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories, the summit agreed.

The Bahrain weekly Al Adhwa said the suffering of the Palestinians in the occupied lands had woken the Arab world.

The summit resolutions would rescue Arabs from surrender and apathy, the newspaper said.

"We are waiting for the execution (of the resolutions). What we need is action not words ... resolutions without action are meaningless," said Al Adhwa.

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COMING TO THE SCREEN

Unforgettable rhythm, melody and harmony

Abida Parveen mesmerises ghazal fans

By Fathima Ahmed

"Nadi kinare dhuun utha" — a nightingale sang in the desert. Nothing mattered after Pakistani singer Abida Parveen made an appearance at the ghazal concert held at the SAS Hotel on Friday night.

For two hours, we forgot the disgust of pulling up with spoiled brats running around the hall, the concert starting 85 minutes late despite two ambassadors waiting patiently in the wings, and the sheer disorderliness of the audience.

At 9 pm, Abida took to the stage, delighting, engrossing and mesmerising the audience with her superb rendition of ghazals and kafis (a form of devotional songs). It was a musical treat par excellence.

Abida's musical rhapsody was interrupted only by women parading in sequined saris and brats running around and crawling under chairs, making a nuisance of themselves. It is understandable that parents have to take children out, but do they really have to bring them to a serious music concert? The children seemed to have annoyed Abida — the singer, who quipped: "Perhaps, mothers don't have much control over their kids."

Even adults could not control themselves, as they sipped tea or ate hamburgers, sitting in the front rows despite the singer's request to quench their thirst and feed their hunger after the performance. Unforgivable.

Yet, Abida's recital is an unforgettable experience of rhythm, melody and harmony. The singer comes alive on stage like a live wire, immersing herself, and the audience in rhythm. She affects and touches you with musical harmony — the type of melody that acts like soothing balm on wracked nerves.

The singer is amazingly versatile, with a repertoire that surprises you. She switches from one mood to another with equal ease, each time evoking the right response — be it tranquil, joyous or disturbing — with geets, ghazals or kafis.

Abida's music is emotional, soulful and touching. For ins-



Abida Parveen: Immersed in music

tance — "Wohi ek mujhe yaad aane lage, jinhe bhulne main zamane lage" or "Kabhi kahana kisi se tere fasane ko, na jane kaise khabar ho gayi zamane ko."

Once her mood changes she takes you on a devotional high with kafis: *Dama dam mast kalandar*. Many singers have attempted this song, few could excel the total, uninhibited abandon of Abida Parveen.

Describing Abida's performance with superlatives would be an affront to the singer's humility. "I have not achieved anything, yet, I am still learning, absorbing and acquiring musical knowledge. I am yet to be perfect," she said in an interview yesterday.

Abida's music is an extension of an inborn talent that she nurtured lovingly, following an "inner quest" for music.

Music has been the driving force — and the soul — of her life since the age of five, when she began singing with her father, Ustad Ghulam Haider Khan.

She recalls: "My father was advised by his friends not to encourage me to sing. They said: 'Teach her music, but



Pakistanis dance to Abida's music.

don't let her perform." Ustad Ghulam Haider Khan ignored their advice. When she was 16, she made her debut at the darbar of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai in his native Sind.

"It was my biggest test," she said. She passed it with flying colours with her stage acumen, confidence, and an ability to have the audience on the palm of her hand, some guidelines she displayed at the Kuwait concert when a group of rowdies created mayhem.

"The most difficult part of my job is to face the audience. I get immediate response; I must

tackle (people) with affection," she says.

She is an affectionate person; unaffected by the material world, dedicated to music.

"The world is a faraway place," she tells you with a distant look in her expressive eyes. As an afterthought she adds: "Every experience — whether it is good or bad, happy or unhappy — teaches me something. I learn from them."

Through the ups and downs in her life, Abida has remained a true artist, an artist who believes in the purity of music.

She laments the deterioration of music in the Asian sub-continent saying: "Today, there is ramba-samba, disco

music. Some make two albums and believe they are singers. They are selling their art cheaply. After all, money can't buy everything." For Abida, "music is in me. I am music."

"Abida would be lost without music," she said.

Abida is inspired by the music of Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, Roshan Ara Begum and Ustad Salamat Ali Khan.

Abida jealously guards her privacy, taking life as it comes, letting circumstances shape her life, personal and professional.

"We are made and unmade by circumstances," she says.

At 30, Abida has achieved what most singers fail to get in a lifetime. She is at the peak of her career and has won several awards in Pakistan.

What next? This is the big question in her life. "I sit for hours thinking about the future. I talk to my husband about the next step. I don't know what the future holds for me."

At the moment, she is content. "I create the 'kuffiyat' atmosphere — for 'pure music'. And so she sings *Karo ni yaad karo ni* — remember me, won't you remember me? No one who has heard her can forget Abida Parveen's music."

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning
- 9.30 Cartoons: Rahlat Haul Al Alam
- 10.00 News followed by variety entertainment
- 10.15 Shaqqat Bidoun Saqaf: featuring Tahya Karioka, Dalal Abdul Aziz, Raja Jadawi.
- 11.00 News Summary
- 11.15 Ila Abi Wa Ammi Ma'a Al Tahya: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Hayat Al Fahad.
- 12.15 Hardcastle and McCormick; with Brian Keith
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 2.35 Bahloul: Arabic serial, starring Fadiya Khitab, Assam Sulaiman.
- 3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.20 Tajihaha Kadda, Tajibaha Hiya Kadda: featuring Samir Ghanem, Madiba Kamel, Farouk Fishawi.
- 6.00 Al Manahal: children's serial
- 7.10 In Public Service
- 7.45 Diwanayat Shuara Al Nabt: poetry session
- 8.00 Souk Al Ghaz: daily Arabic serial. Starring: Mohammad Saeed Shrin, Zuhair Numan.
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Riffat Al Hijjan: daily serial
- 10.30 Huwar Wa Angham '88: variety show



Salah Qasas stars in Bahloul, the daily Arabic serial on KTV 1 at 2.35 pm.

- featuring Yusuf Al Muhanna, Saadoun Jaher, Ahmad Al Jumairi, Ilaah, Mohammad Al Mushah, Khalid Sheikh, Dana Troupe.
- 11.50 News Summary/World News via Satellite/Closedown
- 2.20 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 4.00 Holy Quran
- 4.10 Cartoons
- 4.49 Football: European Championship, England vs Ireland.
- 6.30 Danger Bay: "Big Horn." Jonah finds a mountain ram.
- 7.07 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Islam.
- 7.36 The Wacky World of

- Sports: a half-hour show of unusual sports.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Hilary's World of Adventures
- 9.10 Football: European Championship, Soviet Union vs Holland. From Cologne. Referee Dieter Pauly. West Germany.
- 11.20 Best-Seller: "Malibu." James Cohn, Kim Novak, Anthony Newley, William Atherton and Eva Marie Saint star. The wife of a trade unionist attempts suicide.
- 12.40 News Summary
- 12.45 Magazine: D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

- Morning
- 0800 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0830 News
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900, 0930, 1000, 1030, 1100, 1130 Pick of the Pops
- 1100 Closedown
- 1330 News on FM Service

- Evening
- 2100 Opening
- 2102 The Young Sound
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2155 Songs and Music
- 2200 The World of Sports
- 2215 In the French Mood
- 2245 Daily Programme
- 2300 Pop Session Special
- 2400 Closedown

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behereen Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 News Report
- 1940 Ek Kayal Ek Geet
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Geet Kahani
- 2100 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsweek
- 30 Great British Concert Halls
- 0100 News Summary followed by Play of the Week: 5th Act: Hear Him: 12th A View From the Mountain: 19th Chance Visitor: 26th Number One
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 5th and 12th Future imperfect: 19th and 26th Sports-world
- 30 The Ken Bruce Show (ex 12th: Trooping the Colour)
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 A Word in Edgeways
- 0400 Newsweek
- 30 Weber (ex 26th Sports-world)
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 The A-Z of Hollywood (ex 5th: Big Bands — The Singers)
- 45 Letter from America
- 0600 Newsweek
- 30 Jazz for the Asking
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 From Our Own Correspondent

- 45 5th and 12th Words: 19th and 26th Sports-world
- 50 5th and 12th Waveguide: 19th and 26th Sports-world contd.
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 The Pleasure of Yours
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Science in Action
- 45 5th and 12th Squaring the Triangle: 19th and 26th The Bishop's Come to Lambeth: 1990: News Summary followed by: 15 Classical Record Review
- 30 Religious Service
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 Great British Concert Halls
- 1200 News Summary followed by Play of the Week: 5th Act: Hear Him: 12th A View From the Mountain: 19th Chance Visitor: 26th Number One
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Sports Roundup
- 45 The Tony Mylett Request Show including at 1400 News Summary
- 1430 A Word in Edgeways
- 1500 Radio Newsweek
- 15 Concert Hall (ex 12th Sports-world)
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 45 Letter from America
- ALL TIMES GMT

WHAT'S ON

CINEMA

British Council

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a film for children, will be shown at 6 pm on June 15 and at 10.30 on June 16. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is an old neglected car. Who could have guessed it has magical qualities? Approx. Duration: 145 minutes.

SOCIAL

Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Ahhasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil — 2422973.

United Goans Centre

The UGC will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

Bangladeshi Cultural Show

A well-known female magician, Ajra Jabeen, from Asia is due to perform in Kuwait this month. Jabeen will be accompanied by Bangladeshi singers Fakir Alamgir and Farida Parveen and others. Cultural evenings will be held on June 22 and 23 at the



● An Italian festival is being held at SAS Hotel's Al Bustan Restaurant. Typical Italian food such as Abbacchio al Forno, roasted spring lamb with rosemary and Gamberetti alla Griglia, grilled shrimps with lemon butter sauce, are on offer. The festival continues until June 23.

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June 23 at Jeeb Al Shiyookh Cinema; June 24 at Fahabeh Cinema and June 26 at Jahra Cinema. For reservations phone 4717700 or contact the hotel.

Saz aur Awaz

An Indian music group presents "Geeton Bhari Sham", their second concert, at the IAC, Funaitees, on Thursday, June 16, 8 pm. For reservations phone 3985456 or 5638026 after 5 pm.

D'Assail Association

The association will hold a social evening cum entertainment on August 11 at Messiah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909/am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

Eid Reunion

An Eid Reunion party for Bangladeshi engineers and architects will be held at Messiah Beach Hotel, Al Amal Hall, at 7 pm on June 23. For details phone 4718157; 4311351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

SPORTS

PBAK Bowling Tournament

The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 17, 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn Hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 pm to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 17 and 24. The semi-finals are on July 1 and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK Director Sara Macarimbang — Tel: 4843447.



Above: Vijay Antony and Sajitha Zackariya in Viswaroopam. Below: Thomas and Antony face each other in the Malayalee play.



In search of perfection

VISWAROOPAM, a Malayalee drama, was presented on Friday by the newly formed Ranga Chethana group at the Indian Arts Circle, Kuwait.

Viswaroopam (The Shape of the World), written in the 1970s by playwright-director Surasa, is about a man's search of perfection. In his pursuit for the "perfect art," Balagopal, played by Vijay Antony, leaves home and returns after 12 years to face opposition from family and friends.

The play, a tragedy, was directed by Ranga Chethana by Jayan Pankaj, who also starred in it. Others in the cast were Paul, Thomas, Sajitha Zackariya and Thankamani.

This was the first play presented by the group, formed a year ago by a group of Malayalee theatre enthusiasts in Kuwait. Encouraged by their debut, they are planning to perform plays on a regular basis.

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Asif Ali in concert.

Asif's emotional appeal

DESPITE being overshadowed by Abida Parveen, Asif Ali, a soft-spoken singer with a rich, resonant voice, managed to hold his sway over an irate audience, demanding Abida's presence. Asif Ali, a banker turned singer, entertained the audience with a selection of old and new ghazals.

An intensely emotional singer, Asif Ali, reaches out to you through such ghazals as "Is kadr tera tasavvur mujhe satata hai, zarre zarre main tera aks

nazar aata hai". "Kissaye gham tumhe sunsyan ham, itne aansoo kahan se laye ham" and a Punjabi geet. "Kurri mal mal di."

An untrained singer Asif has managed to get an edge over his contemporaries like Indian Pankaj Udhas by his diction and ear for music.

Many in the audience felt Asif Ali was given a raw deal by bringing him on the same stage as Abida Parveen.

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An oddity in an age of the self-publicist

Lucian Freud: Britain's finest portraitist

By Lindsey Callander

THE major retrospective exhibition being staged in London of work by the painter Lucian Freud is his second, an honour accorded to few artists.

Regarded by many as Britain's finest portraitist, Freud has chosen the contents of the exhibition himself. It focuses primarily on his work of the last 20 years, in particular his extensive exploration of the nude. The exhibition, featuring paintings mainly from private collections, was shown in Washington and Paris before being staged in London.

Relatively little has been written about Lucian Freud as he himself is deliberately reticent, an oddity in an age of the self-publicist. "My work is purely autobiographical. It is about myself and my surroundings. I work from the people that interest me and that I care about and think about, in rooms that I live in and know," he has explained.

He was born in Berlin in December 1922. His father was an architect, the youngest son of Sigmund Freud, founder of modern psychoanalysis, and the family lived in an elegant part of the city. His parents, Austrian Jews living under the growing threat of Nazism, kept a constant watch over their three young sons, which too

A retrospective exhibition of the art of Lucian Freud, currently on in London, focuses on his work spanning a period of 20 years. Highly acclaimed as the finest British portraitist, his early work in graphic art reveals an attention to meticulous detail and intense observation of the physical world.

doubt contributed to an obsession with solitude to Lucian's later years. "All the real pleasures are solitary. I hate being watched at work. I cannot even read when others are about," he says.

In 1933 Freud moved to the safety of England with his family. He became a naturalised British subject six years later. His parents were cultivated people and their home was adorned with prints by the Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai, reproductions of the 16th century Flemish painter Pieter Bruegel's "Seasons", and watercolours by the German Renaissance painter Albrecht Dürer. But Lucian's childhood was not steeped in art to any usual extent. Nevertheless by the time he was 12, drawing was his constant pastime.

Freud's only sculpture is a sandstone carving of a horse,

made when he was just 14. It reveals the artist's enduring love of animals, despite his otherwise urban nature. His "Girl with a White Dog" of 1951-52 displays a sense of complicity between human and animal that is still apparent more than 30 years later in his "Double Portrait" of 1985-86, in which a girl and a whippet lie sleeping, entwined in a gesture of repose.

When he was 17, Freud was admitted to the East Anglian School of Drawing and Painting in Dedham, eastern England. This was run by the self-taught painter Cedric Morris, whose anti-academic approach to art was entirely in tune with Freud's. Smoking one night, he accidentally burned the school down and then ran away to sea on a Merchant Navy vessel, but returned a few months later to work with Morris.

In these early years Freud

was very much a graphic artist, who seldom confronted the challenge of oil painting. If at this stage he lacked natural aptitude, he made up for it in hard work and intense observation of the physical world. His early drawings are marked by their hard linear, meticulous detail and spiky character. The affinities with Dürer and the Teutonic tradition are unmistakable.

These youthful works display an extraordinary degree of control. Freud eliminates all unnecessary detail and includes only what is essential. Looking back he recalls: "My method was so arduous that there was no room for influence." Everything was equally described, with painstaking precision.

Influence

It comes as no surprise that the great influence of his formative years was Jean Auguste Ingres, the French master of classicism and craftsmanship of line. In his words: "Ingres' drawing is evocative in a way that forces us to believe in it... any single line of his drawings is worth looking at." Not until the mid-1940s did Freud begin to paint in earnest, and the detached character of his earlier work was succeeded by a new sense of involvement with his sitters. Among the finest of his early paintings are his

portraits of his first wife, Kitty Garman, daughter of the sculptor Jacob Epstein. In "Girl with Roses," 1947-48, for example, everything is equally observed: each strand of hair, her flesh, the tiny reflections in her wide, watery eyes — all are revealed in an act of intensity and love.

In the next decade, Freud began to deviate from the Ingres-like insistence on contour in favour of greater modelling and chiaroscuro, emphasising light and shade. He started to mould his forms and figures using light rather than line, and he abandoned the use of pliant sable brushes in favour of hoghair. Towards the end of the 1950s he started to paint larger-than-life heads, crafted with loose, forceful brushstrokes and fatty paint. He had travelled a long way from the enamelled finish and literal rendering of only a year or two before.

In the 1960s he embarked on one of the longest and most probing studies of the nude to the history of painting. Having achieved a new and unprecedented plasticity in the heads he painted, he began to apply the same principles to the body. There followed countless pictures of unclothed men and women — sitting, sleeping, bodies abandoned, flesh sagging, glistening — unadorned and apparently unposed. These



Lucian Freud's oil on canvas painting 'Double Portrait', 1985-86.

were not simply studies but likenesses, which Freud often entitled "Naked Portraits." An extraordinary sense of understanding and trust clearly exists between sitter and artist, leaving no room for inhibition or pretence. The men and women of his canvases are seldom beautiful in the traditional sense of the word; they are

lumpy, flawed, flaccid or gaunt. Their beauty lies in their honesty. They are entirely human. Often hauntingly and unwelcomely so. As one critic commented: "Freud carries the experience so far that we sometimes wonder if we have any right to be there." His leitmotif in the representation of human flesh is the use

of Cremnitz white — an unusually heavy, textured pigment — as a base. "I think of the granules as atoms," he says. Seldom has painted flesh achieved the glow, the bulge, the palpability of Freud's. "I want my portraits to be of people, not like them," he insists. Who could deny that he succeeds?

Hefty price tags worry art museums

By Sanford S. Shaman

THE sale of Vincent Gogh's "Irises" for \$53.9 million, and his "Sunflowers" to a Japanese industrialist for \$39.9 million, has added fuel to the growing concern that museums are being shut out of the art market.

The prices recently fetched for works by Mantegna, Rembrandt, Manet, Turner, and now Van Gogh have increasingly placed masterpieces well



out of the reach of most museums.

To be sure these are hefty sums for any museum. These are figures that look more like a budget for a new building than the cost of just one acquisition. But despite the damage this excessive spending is inflicting upon the world's museums, it is doubtful that the art world's auction houses will refrain from encouraging wallet-flexing fat cats as they continue to inflate the market.

But critics are not worried only about the excessive price tags. Concern has also been raised over the fact that Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" is not the only European masterpiece to fall into the hands of a Japanese collector and in fact Japanese corporate collectors are acquiring many important European

masterpieces. There are those who ask: What will this mean for the rest of us in the United States and Europe? The irony of posing such a question in a country whose own museums and collections are filled with European as well as Japanese treasures is response enough to such a question.

Moreover, European history is riddled with juicy examples — from Napoleon to the Elgin Marbles — of extreme disregard for the concepts of national treasures and rightful ownership.

This was dramatized in 1984, when the Austrian government planned to place on the auction block thousands of art treasures confiscated from Jewish families by the Nazis. Following World War II the Aus-

trian government had been directed to attempt to return what few works could be returned to their rightful owners and to use the rest of the works as reparations to Holocaust survivors. Instead the Austrian government hoarded the works in secrecy for decades.

Clearly the West's shoddy record to regard to issues surrounding rightful ownership makes it difficult to seriously consider cries that European treasures are being lost to the Japanese.

According to an article by Susan Chira in the May 3 New York Times Magazine, "Many of the Japanese business moguls differ from their counterparts elsewhere in the manner in which they display their masterpieces."

Instead of hoarding them at home or donating them with grand philanthropic gestures to prestigious museums, they entrust the acquisitions to their corporate museums for public viewing.

Although from curatorial point of view this may raise some professional questions about care and maintenance of works of art, these corporate museums are indicative of a sense of public awareness and obligation that is not uniformly demonstrated in the West.

But no matter how public these collectors may be, their excessive style is clearly not in the best interest of public institutions. Museums will, however, not wither on the vine.

It is the art world's search for the new that stimulates research, scholarship, and new exhibitions. In this manner, over the past two decades we have witnessed how the art world has turned serious attention to such previously ignored areas as photography, ceramics, decorative arts, and various craft forms.

Museums will get by, they will find another way. The greatest loss is to the integrity of our society. In a world where thousands of people die each day as a consequence of hunger, a \$53.9 million expenditure for a painting by an artist who himself was no stranger to hunger seems vulgar and decadent.

These sad part about this is that it is this component of the art world that the world at large watches and responds to. In 1982, for example, another artist — sculptor Agnes Denes — executed a mammoth work that passed unnoticed compared with the sale of "Sunflowers." The Christian Science Monitor

REMBRANDT is one of the biggest names in art; the original Old Master. But, as has recently become apparent, he is also the most elusive.

During the 19th century, his works mysteriously expanded to an estimated 1,000. Now, in the zealous hands of the five mao Rembrandt Research Project — a self-appointed team based in Amsterdam — it is fast contracting towards a prospective 300.

"Row over Rembrandts," "The National disowns three Rembrandts," "Sorting the Rembrandts from the remnants" read the headlines. The trouble is that for all their X-ray paint samples, scientists can only confirm that the works in question are of the correct period.

Academics are in similar difficulties due to the impossible amount of travel required to assess all the works involved: photographs are unsatisfactory. And for an art curator to throw doubt on the authen-

Search for the real Rembrandt

By Sarah Jane Checkland

ticity of a colleague's collection is to take his life into his hands.

Despite its definitive intention — the systematic weeding out of all the imposters — the Research Project's methods are also questionable. They do not use scientific methods because "the homogeneity of method and results would be served best by forming a team of art historians only."

Examinations. "The bulk of their examination is limited to surface inspection only. Having worked part-time on it for more than 20 years, the team's recollection of specific paintings must have faded; during the time, two of

their number have died.

Recently the National Gallery in the UK ran a symposium to discuss the findings of the Project, and Rembrandt experts gathered from around the world. But by all accounts, it turned out to be a too gentlemanly affair, and little was achieved.

Part of the problem about defining Rembrandt is the lack of documentation. Crucial records from the Amsterdam Guild of St. Luke are lost; only two of the 60 extant self-portraits were mentioned in documents during his lifetime; the first book on him was not until 1836. We are left with a

few, powerful, often tragic, details: the deaths of his two wives and his four children.

Such information inevitably fuels our search for the quiet, restrained suffering in his painted subjects — the God in Everyman — and finding it leaves us feeling contented.

Ultimate

Similarly, we expect to see the ultimate in his technique: superb drawing; breathtaking lighting effects. It does not fit our image of him to find faults, like a perfumery limb, or a badly turned collar.

This also appears to be the problem with the Rembrandt Research Project. Like some victim of its own logic, it argues that whenever the workmanship is under par, it must be by some lesser artist. And so an understudy is deemed responsible for the goofy steeple in the National Gallery's "Man on a Horse", not to mention the collar in the "Philips Lucas" portrait.

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Thought for today

I LIKE a man who grins when he fights — Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874-1965).

OPINION

Diplomatic success for Algeria

ALGERIA is to be commended for its diplomatic success in holding the extraordinary Arab summit. The high-level representation of Arab leaders is an indication of the importance they attached to the summit. Credit goes to Algerian diplomacy for surmounting Herculean odds right from the onset of the meeting. It was also crowned by the summit meeting of the Arab Maghreb leaders — a feat which would not have been possible without the reconciliation of Algeria and Morocco. It is too early to say if this was the best Arab summit, but it was the best attended summit in more than a decade. The bilateral and other series of side meetings held between Arab leaders outside the official sessions testify to its success in bringing about an understanding between Arab leaders. It was the vehicle which brought several Arab leaders face to face for a frank exchange of views to remove misunderstandings.

Those who visited Algeria during the summit, noticed an appreciable change in Algerian thinking. This, possibly, was one of the objectives of Algeria in holding the summit. Algeria has opened its doors to the rest of the Arab nation after a long period of isolation. Possibly, the arrangements to be implemented by the EEC (European Economic Community) members by 1992 have caused fears, hence Algeria does not want to be left out of the sphere of the Arab world. Algeria appreciates the opportunities available to the people of the Arab Maghreb countries whose population is about 100 million. So, Algeria aims at moving along with the rest of Arab Maghreb countries and towards the rest of the Arab world in the east. Algeria has not missed appreciating that other Maghreb leaders have achieved stable relations with many countries in the Arab east.

The year 1992 will mark the unity between EEC members. The interest of these states will be identical and they will form a united front.

This has been realised by Algeria, so it insisted on holding the Arab summit in Algiers. Though the main theme of the summit was the Palestinian uprising, the issue could have been discussed in a different forum other than the summit. The Arab emergency summit held in Algeria has produced many positive changes for Algeria, Arab Maghreb and the rest of the Arab world. Algeria demonstrated its diplomatic capabilities in dealing with the Arab issues in a flexible manner.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Rajiv faces crucial political showdown

By T.S.K. Lingam

NEW DELHI (UPI): More than usual attention is riveted this week on the hot, dusty city of Allahabad, where Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's main rival has turned a routine parliamentary election into a critical trial of political strength.

Forecasters of the outcome differ, but all agree the battle for Allahabad has become one of the most significant and dramatic one-seat elections since India gained independence from Britain in 1947.

"It seems the Allahabad election is the most crucial and of national significance," said K.R. Sundar Rajan, a political columnist. "There are by-elections in other constituencies, but every one talks of Allahabad only."

The June 16 vote is far seven seats in the lower house of parliament left vacant by deaths and resignations. The results will not alter the huge majority Rajiv's Congress (I) Party currently holds in the chamber.

Debate
But Allahabad has dominated political debate for weeks because it could well determine the future of V.P. Singh, regarded as the only opposition leader now capable of challenging Rajiv on a national level.

Singh heads the Jan Morcha (People's Movement), a party he and other politicians formed last year after Rajiv expelled him from the Congress Party for questioning his policies and his alleged role in several corruption scandals.

All of India's main opposition groups are backing Singh, who has been unrelenting in attacking Rajiv. Singh cast the Allahabad election as a public trial of the prime minister's record and denial of official wrongdoing in arms deals.

A Singh victory would be a major blow to Rajiv's credibility and boost Singh's own monumental effort to unify the fed-up opposition before the next nationwide elections, scheduled for the end of 1989.

"The victory would consolidate opposition ranks," asserted Anil Mohammad Khan, a member of parliament who was expelled from the Congress Party with Singh.

A Singh loss in the lacklustre Congress candidate, on the other hand, would be potentially crippling blow, possibly encouraging Rajiv to call the general election early to re-establish an unquestionable mandate.

"It would demoralise Singh and the opposition," said Sundar Rajan.

Singh's Allahabad opponent in Sunil Shastri, son of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Singh, scion of a former royal family from an area near Allahabad, 350 miles (563 km) north-east of New Delhi, first gained fame as Rajiv's first finance minister, winning acclaim for an anti-corruption drive against his business. He was regarded as the architect of Rajiv's economic liberalisation programmes.

But he lost favour by secretly hiring a US detective firm to investigate illegal foreign currency deals by prominent Indians, many said to be close to Rajiv.

Rajiv transferred Singh to the Defence Ministry. Singh immediately and without clearance — announced a probe into alleged kickbacks in a submarine purchase.

Expelled

That prompted charges by Rajiv loyalists that Singh wanted to undermine Rajiv's credibility and further his own political ambitions.

Singh resigned as minister to counter the charges, but raised new allegations of corruption, this time targeting India's leading film star Amitabh Bachchan, Rajiv's close childhood friend and member of parliament from Allahabad.

The attacks proved too much. Rajiv expelled Singh from the party in July. But at the same time, Bachchan was asked to resign paving the way for this Allahabad election.

When it was rumoured Bachchan would run again, Singh jumped in to contest what he portrayed as a battle between honesty and corruption.

Faced with forecasts of a Bachchan defeat and hoping to minimise the vote's significance, Rajiv forbade the matinee idol to run again and put the less popular Shastri in his place.

Six-month uprising changes Palestinian landscape

Revolt has taken solid root

JABALYA, Gaza Strip, (Reuters): Six months ago, an Israeli truck ploughed into cars bringing Palestinian labourers home to this refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip from their jobs in Israel. Four workers died.

Their funeral turned into an anti-Israeli outburst. Angry refugees, convinced the crash was deliberate, attacked the Israeli Army post in the centre of the camp with petrol bombs, stones and bottles.

Early the next morning, a soldier opened fire, killing Hatem Abu Sisi, 17, and wounding 19 other Palestinians.

Revolt

So began the intifada, a mass uprising against Israeli occupation that has focused world attention on the Palestinian problem and sparked unprecedented condemnation of Israel's use of force from its closest Western allies.

At least 210 Palestinians have

died and more than 5,000 have been injured in six months of almost daily protests and clashes with Israeli troops.

Although the violence is now far less widespread, the revolt has taken solid root among the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. They seem determined to go on fighting for an end to the Israeli rule they have endured since 1967.

Undaunted by economic hardship and collective punishments, many Palestinians say they have nothing to lose.

The uprising has changed Middle East politics. Arab leaders who largely ignored the Palestinian issue at their last conference in Amman in November are holding an emergency summit in Algiers to support the rebellion.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), caught unawares by the start of the revolt, has been thrust back to

the centre of the Arab stage at the expense of Jordan's King Hussein, whose ageing Palestinian supporters are in retreat.

US Secretary of State George Shultz has just completed his fourth unsuccessful Middle East tour this year, touting a peace plan aimed at ending the uprising against Washington's chief Middle East ally.

Unrest

Israel, never beaten on the battlefield, has shown feet of clay in confronting prolonged, widespread unrest by a civilian population armed mainly with rocks, bottles, sticks and iron bars.

Among Israelis, the uprising has sparked an anti-Arab backlash, visible in widely-reported incidents of brutality that could sweep a more right-wing nationalist government to power in November elections.

Israeli leaders say that intifada has achieved nothing and the

Palestinians are only hurting themselves.

But the revolt has cost Israel dearly, damaging its economy, its world image and even its cherished democratic values.

Arab strikes have hit Israeli agriculture, textiles and construction. The violence has driven away tourists in droves.

Military reserve duty for all Israeli men aged up to 55 has been increased from a maximum of 45 to 62 days this year.

The sensitivity of Israelis to Palestinian human rights has been considerably numbed.

Detention

More than 2,000 Palestinian political prisoners are in detention without trial in primitive conditions in a desert prison camp amid Israeli indifference.

They have not been charged with any offence or, in any cases, told why they are there.

About 5,000 Palestinians

arrested in the uprising are still being held.

Added to 4,500 Arabs already serving jail terms for security offences before the intifada, this means one adult male in every 40 in the occupied territories is in prison.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's policy of "might, force, beatings" to quell the unrest caused international outrage in January and is still causing dozens of casualties every week.

Changed

"On a 'good' day, we have maybe 30 injured by beatings, rubber bullets and live ammunition," said a senior UN relief official in Gaza, surveying casualty figures for the last month. "On a bad day, there are 200 to 300 injured."

The daily lists include many children in their early teens, occasionally younger.

Six months of intifada have also changed the physical landscape

of the Gaza Strip. All along the main road through the technologically advanced strip, home to 650,000 Palestinians, army tent camps have been planted in the sand.

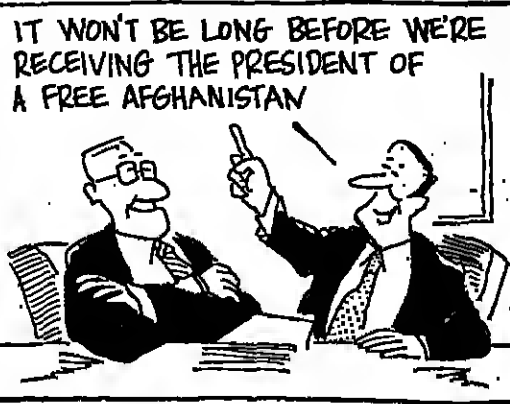
A military expert estimated that Israel now maintains about 11,000 troops in the Strip, roughly 20 times the force that used to patrol the area before the uprising.

The Army has sealed the entrances to many refugee camps and side streets in Gaza city with walls of pre-fabricated concrete or stacked steel drums to deter stone-throwers.

Hardly a wall has escaped political slogans.

Most were painted over this month after the Israelis decreed a \$5,000 fine or a maximum five years' imprisonment for property-owners whose walls carried intifada graffiti.

"Since they issued that order, the people write slogans on the walls of Israeli or public buildings instead," one resident said.



Italy's Communist Party faces disastrous slump

By Barry Moody

ROME (Reuters): Italy's Communist Party, largest in the Western world, is reeling from an electoral body blow which threatens to turn its steady decline in recent years into a permanent collapse.

The party, Italy's second biggest grouping for most of the period since World War II, suffered its worst defeat in 35 years at the end of May in local polls involving about a seventh of the electorate.

The communist share of the vote slumped to just under 22 per cent, down five points from their showing in general elections last June when they had already suffered a major setback, dropping by more than three per cent.

Even more worrying for the communist leadership was a challenge from former Prime Minister Bettino Craxi's Socialist Party, which raised its vote by four points to 18.3 per cent.

Gloom

The socialists are now poised to dislodge the communists (PCI) from their traditional leadership of the Italian left. The gap between the two parties has closed from more than 12 per cent last June to less than four points in the local vote.

The polls clearly did not have the significance of a general election but there is deep gloom among Italy's communist who only a decade ago threatened to overthrow the Christian Demo-

crats as the country's biggest party.

At that time the gap between the communists and a decimated Socialist Party was an enormous 25 per cent.

Many commentators say the PCI, for long the biggest Communist Party outside the Eastern bloc, is facing a "French syndrome" — a reference to the dramatic collapse in support for its cousins across the Alps in the last 40 years.

Achille Occhetto, deputy secretary of the PCI, said in an interview in the party newspaper L'Unita last week: "There is worry and anguish in our ranks."

Election

He said the PCI had been caught up in a general decline of Western communist parties and must face a hard reality.

But he added: "Beware of reacting by closing ourselves in defence. There is no danger in the PCI of the French syndrome."

The first result of the local poll is likely to be Occhetto's election as party leader in July to replace ailing Alessandro Natta, 70.

Natta nominated the dark, moustachioed Occhetto, 52, as his chosen successor after last year's general election disaster.

But some voices have already been raised against the succession from party members who believe the only way to face the crisis is to sweep away the entire old leadership.

Occhetto acknowledged that the PCI had failed to attract

younger Italians. He said the party must renew its appeal and "trace out a new course, the new Communist Party."

The decline of Italy's communists since a general election peak of 34.4 per cent in 1976 seems due to two factors.

One is the debilitating effect of their 40-year imprisonment in opposition, combined with a failure to update their image to the changing, more affluent face of Italy.

Their success in 1976 coincided with the beginning of the period of the "historic compromise" when they entered an alliance with the Christian Democrats (DC) to support the government in parliament.

Support

Led by the charismatic Enrico Berlinguer, they boosted their support by establishing their democratic respectability.

But the historic compromise foundered because of rank and file disillusionment with the PCI's failure to gain any solid profit from the policy or actually enter government, and because of the 1978 Red Brigades murder of Aldo Moro, its main architect in the DC.

The other factor undermining the PCI has been the skillful manoeuvring of Craxi, who has totally revived his party in the last decade and nearly reached his ultimate aim of grabbing the leadership of a united left.

His strategy has frequently involved open attacks on the communists themselves whom he described before the local elections as "Barbarians' circus."

But strengthened and jubilant after his triumph he has already offered an olive branch to the communists, saying the poll result should make their relations easier.

There is an anguished debate in the PCI over how to react to Craxi's overtures and his clear aim to head an alliance which he hopes can end the Christian Democrats' postwar domination. Occhetto has pointed out that despite Craxi's success the left as a whole has not grown.

Because of the isolation of the communists in permanent opposition, Craxi has control of the real balance of power. He has exploited his advantage ruthlessly and managed to remain in the government at the same time as nurturing his image as a potential leader of the left.

Communist Deputy Antonio Bellocchio said after the local elections: "We did not present ourselves either as a government or opposition party while the Socialists did both."

Najib faces political battles at home, abroad

By Earleen Fisher

KABUL (AP): President Najib is fighting new political battles at home and abroad as Soviet troops withdraw from Afghanistan and Muslim guerrillas press their war against his government.

Najib's visit to the United Nations disarmament conference in New York this week fits neatly into his campaign to be treated as an international statesman and a legitimate leader, rather than a leader of a Soviet client state.

His efforts to win respectability abroad got a windfall in the past two weeks in the form of visits to Kabul by top French and Italian diplomats and by Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the UN special envoy for the repatriation of Afghan refugees.

But Najib's efforts to create a more broadly based government — at least in outward appearance — have bogged down.

The US-supported mujahedeen guerrillas have rejected his repeated calls for them to lay down their arms and accept posts in his government.

Delay

In his United Nations debut speech Tuesday, Najib threatened to seek a delay in the Soviet troop withdrawal if Pakistan continued its vigorous support of anti-communist guerrillas.

"We want to visualize an optimistic situation," Najib said. "But should such violations acquire a permanent character... in such a case, we would certainly renew our consideration on the schedule of withdrawal and take

proper reactions, together with the Soviet Union."

On May 26, Najib nominated a new prime minister, Mohammad Hassan Sharq. Sharq has never been identified as a member of the ruling, Soviet-style People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, but he is a political survivor and a pragmatic technocrat who has worked closely with party officials for nearly a decade.

Government officials predicted the rest of the cabinet would be named within 24 hours. But Najib left on his trip to Moscow, New York and Havana while the fractious coterie of senior party members was still trying to forge it. Sharq announced his 24-member cabinet Tuesday while Najib was in New York.

Control

Najib's departure before the cabinet was announced suggests that he feels firmly in control of the government, or as much in control as any past leader of a country with a history of disregard for central authority.

Najib, who came to power in 1986, is the fourth Afghan leader in the 15 years since King Zahir Shah was overthrown. Each of the three was either forcibly ousted or assassinated at the instigation of the Soviet-style party.

In its decade of power, the party has been marked by constantly shifting alliances, as well as expulsions and sometimes executions of politburo members.

Along with his struggle to retain control, Najib is fighting an uphill battle to shed an image of ruthlessness he acquired when he headed the dreaded Khad

secret police. Afghanistan's version of the Soviet Union's KGB.

A non-Western observer predicted the Afghan people would neither forgive nor forget Najib's days at Khad.

Diplomats in Kabul are divided over Najib's prospects.

Doomed

One envoy said he agreed with the Washington's assessment that Najib and his party are doomed.

But another Western diplomat dismissed Washington's optimism that the People's Democratic Party would crumble as the Soviets continue with their withdrawal of more than 100,000 troops, scheduled for completion by Feb 15, 1989.

The diplomat cautioned against believing that a Soviet military withdrawal meant an end to Soviet interest and influence in Afghanistan.

Najib told a news conference Tuesday that more than 34,000 Soviet soldiers have left Afghanistan since May 15 under a UN-mediated agreement calling for a complete Red Army pullout by nine months.

The visits to Afghanistan by the secretaries-general of the French and Italian foreign ministries were denounced by some diplomats from Western allies who had stood firm in not recognizing Afghan leaders installed after the Soviet military intervention in 1979.

Western nations — including France, Italy, Britain and the United States — withdrew their ambassadors in protest of the Soviet intervention, nearly a decade later, their embassies in Kabul still operate without ambassadors.

Beginning of the end of cold war

Gorbachev leads Soviet Union to European model socialism

By C. Robert Zeinick

WASHINGTON: In Pentagon offices, teams of budget experts and strategic thinkers ponder where to cut \$200 billion from what they thought would be authorised between 1990 and 1994.

At Harvard's Kennedy School, a man who may well hold an important defence post in the next administration is going through a similar exercise, but his figure exceeds \$400 billion.

In Bern, the Soviet defence minister recently invited his American counterpart in exchange data on force structures in Central Europe with an eye toward redressing substantial asymmetries and providing a more stable, secure balance.

In Bonn, a key official has suggested there may be no need for nuclear-armed artillery and short-range missiles.

In Moscow, the leadership presses forward with democratisation that may include multiple candidacies, published Central Committee and Politburo proceedings, and the end to catch criminal procedures aimed at dissent.

Crouch

Also in Moscow, a leading academician, challenging a century of Marxist orthodoxy, wrote this year that democracy is a brake on warlike behaviour and suggested that Soviet fears of Western aggression may thus be exaggerated.

And in Nowa Huta, Poland, security forces stormed the Lenin steelworks, dousing once again the fire of independence, but the fire continues to burn.

It is possible to explain each of these events on its own. The United States has a budget

crunch. Its allies resist becoming nuclear battlegrounds. The Soviets must reorganise themselves to remain a viable society and need a period of relaxed tensions. Polish nationalism antedates not only the postwar division of Europe, but even communism itself.

Yet, increasingly a more embracing and optimistic theory seems to be taking hold among analysts not noted for their soft-headedness. According to this view, General Secretary Gorbachev is doing more than putting a benign face on his totalitarian system. Rather he is leading the Soviet Union through a "bloodless civil war," turning it from an Oriental despotism toward a socialism more in the European model. His overtures to the West are more than cunning tricks designed to split the alliance, and the receptivity of many West Europeans reflects something beyond naivete.

In this view, the beginnings of the end of the cold war are within sight. The alleged self-image of the Soviet Union as the vanguard state for a revolutionary brand of expansionary communism requires amendment. The policies adopted to contain and roll back that threat must also be reassessed. Even that hardy and brilliant hard-line publication, The Economist, muses that if the Soviet Union is indeed moving in the direction of liberal democracy, the event is of historic consequence, since in the history of the world no liberal democracy has ever waged war against a sister democracy.

Dare we hope that the optimistic view is right? Dare we believe that the picture of the Soviet Union articulated in "NSC-68: Strategic Reassessment of 1950"

is becoming obsolete? That document warned: "The Kremlin's policy toward areas not under its control is the elimination of resistance to its will and the extension of influence and control." It called for marshalling US resources to meet the threat, because "the Soviet Union is developing the military capability to support its design for world domination."

NSC-68 helped produce what came to be called the "national security state," an America hugging with military muscle, adorned with covert capabilities, committed to the defence of more than 40 putative "allies," ready to fight major wars after only the briefest mobilisation.

Security

Caution is called for across the spectrum of diplomatic and military risk. Gorbachev's goals may yet be more modest than some believe. Further, he may not succeed; the history of Russian liberalism is a chronicle of brief episodes of hope buried amid centuries of despair.

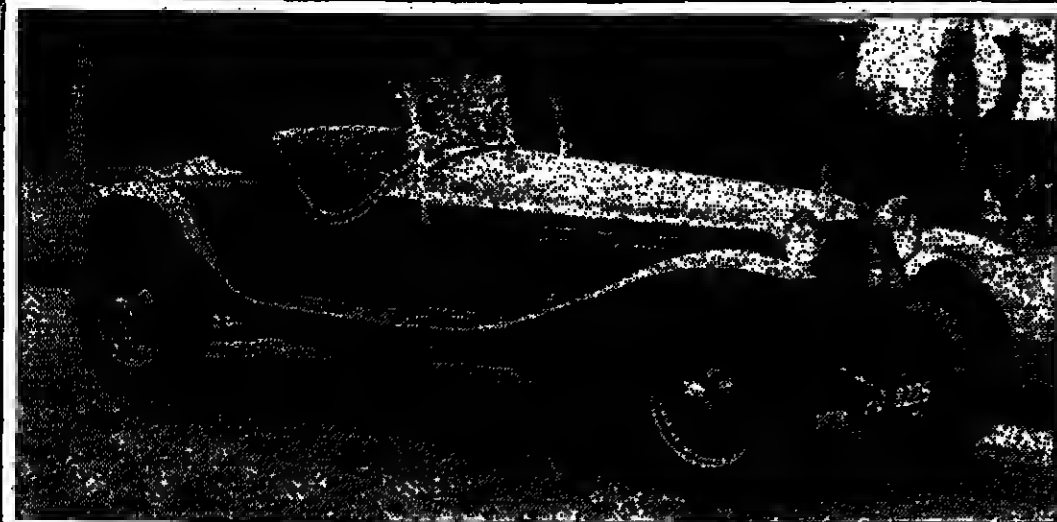
Moreover, global alliances like NATO ought not to become the first victims of their own success. Democracies by nature are more easily disarmed than rearm.

Yet neither ought we to be the last cynics on earth. The economic, political, and emotional strains of a perpetual arms race should be evident to all observers. Racing technology promises greater financial burdens, with little enhanced security for the price.

And there are ways to test Soviet intentions at each milepost.

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A 1929 1.75 litre supercharged Alfa Romeo 1500-1750 Zagato Spyder.



A 1963 4 litre Ferrari 400 Super America Spyder



A 1954 2 litre Maserati A6GCS/53 Fantuzzi Sports Spyder.

By Mark Green

THEY are the dream objects that fill little boys with awe ... and make their fathers drool. Their striking lines, beautiful bodies and incredible speed are more of a turn on than the sexiest woman.

And they come from an age when real love went into building them, when real craftsmanship was at a premium and when performance, looks and pedigree meant everything.

Then their prices seemed immaterial.

They are the classic cars from some of the greatest motor manufacturers of all time ... Ferrari, Alfa Romeo and Maserati.

But nowadays, while their names and exhaust notes still make pulses race, their prices seem to travel upwards even faster.

A special auction of these three famous Italian marques is now being planned by auction giant Christie's. The spectacular sale will be held at the Loews Hotel, in Monte Carlo, and the handful of cars to be sold are expected to fetch more than £4 million.

For among them are some of the rarest and most sought-after vehicles in the world — the sort that collectors know will only be available once in their lifetime.

One of the most expensive cars will definitely be 1936 Alfa Romeo Tipo 8C35 which won the 1936 Donnington Grand Prix. The car is in original, unrestored condition and is estimated to fetch £1,200,000 at the auction.

It certainly has an impressive history.

The majestic Alfa is one of the most important survivors from the epic "Titans" era of the mid 1930's Grand Prix racing. It is a well-known car and has survived throughout its life essentially intact.

According to racing records it ran its last race in owner Dennis Poore's hand in August 1955 and has been preserved in heated storage ever since. Its last public appearance was in the 1974 Castrol 75th Anniversary Extra-vaganza display at London's Olympia exhibition hall.

But now it is offered for sale complete "as found" together with numerous spares including half-engine block, wheels and tyres, and even the R.D. Poore Racing Team lettered tilt-covered two wheeled trailer and large Dodge closed transporter which once carried the car around Britain. They are all ready to go ... an evocative reminder of that hygienic age of 1950s motor racing competitions, covered with age-faded sign-written advertisements and the Poore Pegasus winged-horse racing emblem.

Damage During the war the car had several owners. Swiss driver Hans Ruesch raced it for the last time at Crystal Palace in May, 1939 and it was finally sold to Robert Arthuroth.

He offered the car as security on a loan and, when he died in a road accident, the car passed to Dennis Poore, who decided the only thing to do with the car was to drive it.

Poore raced it to 1947 and won the main race at Grands Prix, a road race, shortly

afterwards, however disaster struck.

At the Scottish Bo'ness hill-climb Poore set off suffering from influenza and a high temperature and overturned the car in the notorious Snake Bend.

But fortunately the damage was confined to mildly bent body panelling. The repairs were simple, and the car was repainted British Racing Green and the Pegasus flying-horse emblem applied, instead of its usual red livery.

For the 1948 racing season Poore had the car modified and he continued to campaign the car regularly on the British scene until the end of 1952. Then, with his increasing involvement with the Aston Martin factory racing team, the elderly Alfa was retired.

Enthusiast In the world of second-hand cars, a 1955 2-litre Ferrari 500 Mondial sports two-seater is on a car regularly seen on garage forecourts. When it has very low mileage and only two owners it becomes even more sought after ... and worth a staggering £200,000.

Yet, for any collector, the car is a must. It was originally supplied to Italian owner-driver Petrucci, who took it to Ethiopia where it competed in only two minor sports car circuit races. Then Ethiopia's President Haile Selassie, having

Cars to make your mouth water ... and the wallet shrink

A touch of class for sale

When this stunning array of Ferraris, Alfa Romeos and Maseratis come under the auctioneer's hammer, they are bound to shatter dreams as well as records. For the prices are set to reach more than £4 million ... as collecting mania hits fever pitch.



The 1936 Alfa Romeo Tipo 8C35 which won the 1936 Grand Prix

ned motor racing in his country and the car was put into storage for 15 years.

In 1970 British enthusiast and dealer Colin Crabbe bought the car, but after two years sold it more or less in as-found condition to its current owner.

He has used it sparingly in competition and driven it very

occasionally on the public road. In fact, in the 16 years he has owned the car he reckons he has covered no more than 200-400 miles a year. That means the Mondial has completed no more than 10,000 miles in its entire life.

Another rare Ferrari up for grabs is a 1952 4.1-litre 340 America Vignale Competition

Spyder. It was shared by Luigi Chinetti and Jean Lucus in the 1952 Le Mans 24 hour race and was subsequently owned and raced in the USA by amateur racing drivers Bill Kimberley and Ebbey Lunken.

Now it has just been rebuilt in California following extensive renovation and is in better-than-new condition.

But its racing history is a little chequered to say the least. Delivered just in time for the 1952 Le Mans race it was given the number 12 and occupied fifth place from the sixth to the eleventh hours, before dropping back to seventh.

Unfortunately one of the race's rules states that an interval of 28 laps must pass between refuelling stops, and during the 13th hour Chinetti brought the car into the pits too early to refuel and was promptly disqualified.

However it remains one of the fastest of all early racing Ferraris ... capable of a stunning 165 mph and it is expected to reach £500,000 at the auction.

But perhaps one of the most mouth-watering of all road Ferraris is the 1963 4 litre 400 Super America Spyder. The car, which was designed by the famous design-house Pininfarina, is the first of only four series 2 long-wheel base Super Americas to be built.

It was supplied originally to a M. Henry in France and is in red with a beige interior and has just had an engine overhaul carried out by a Ferrari specialist.

One of the earliest cars at the auction is a 1929 1.75 litre supercharged Alfa Romeo Zagato Spyder.

The vintage-period sports car is believed to be the 142nd of the Portellin, Milan company's 6C-1500 models, although this car is now fitted with an updated and supercharged 1750 engine. It is reckoned by collectors, to be one of the most charismatic and powerful under two litre cars of its time.

The 6C series had been founded as early as 1924 when Alfa Romeo engineer Vittorio Jann was asked "to develop a medium capacity light car with brilliant performance." It was to become one of the company's greatest cars.

The prototype, initially known as the model NR was soon renamed 6C-1500... and the rest is history.

This particular car is thought to have spent some of its life in Norway, although it was recently imported to Britain. It is tipped to reach more than £100,000 at the auction.

Among the dazzling array of Maseratis on offer is the rare and fabulous-looking 1954 2 litre A6GCS/53 Fantuzzi Sports Spyder. And it has a unique track record.

For it was actually built AFTER Maserati had ended the model's official production run. Chassis lists of A6GCS cars ended at 2098, but it seems this car remained unsold at the factory to be used in the

development of a bigger engine car. Its 2099 chassis number is therefore not officially recorded.

Yet the car has been driven by one of the racing's top drivers, Sterling Moss.

He drove it while preparing for the 1956 Mille Miglia road race, with his navigator Denis Jenkinson, who also wrote for Motor Sport magazine.

Jenkinson reported: "With the Maserati being so low and right-hand drive, Moss discovered a novel way of making 'mimmers' move over."

"He drew up alongside and thumped on the side of their bodies with his fist, the resulting 'bang' being audible above the Maserati exhaust, so it must have been devastating travelling inside a tin box."

"We got back in Modena rather damp, very dirty and not a little tired, having done 2,000 miles around Italian roads in two and a half days."

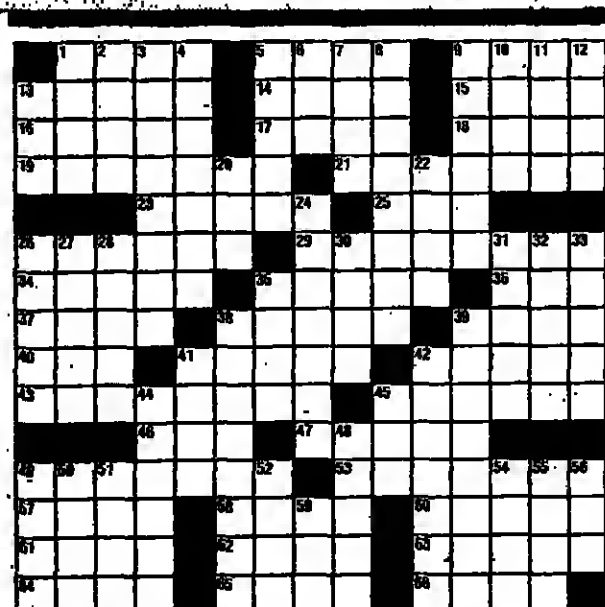
Grabs Also up for grabs at the auction is a beautiful 1963 3.5 litre Maserati 3500 GTIS Schering Vignale Coupe, one of the most potent, high-performance road cars of 1960's.

But the sale definitely offers something for everybody. There are coveted Ferrari Daytona's available, Ferrari Berlinetta Boxers and a 1937 supercharged Maserati 6CM.

And for those with a real love for speed — and for spending money — there is a 1975 Ferrari 312T Grand Prix car, driven by Clay Regazzoni and Niki Lauda.

But even if you don't have the money ... they make a great sight.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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ANSWER TO: PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K73 ♥AQ6 ♦AQ1063 ♣A8
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K1065 ♥95 ♦J97542 ♣6
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
3 ♠ Dbl ?
What action do you take?

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠763 ♥KQ982 ♦Q76 ♣83
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you

hold:
♠763 ♥KQ982 ♦Q76 ♣83
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J8 ♥AQ1063 ♦A87 ♣Q6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 2 NT Pass
What action do you take?

Q.6—Both vulnerable as South you hold:
♠KJ6 ♥Q1092 ♦A37 ♣KQ9
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 4 NT Pass
What action do you take?

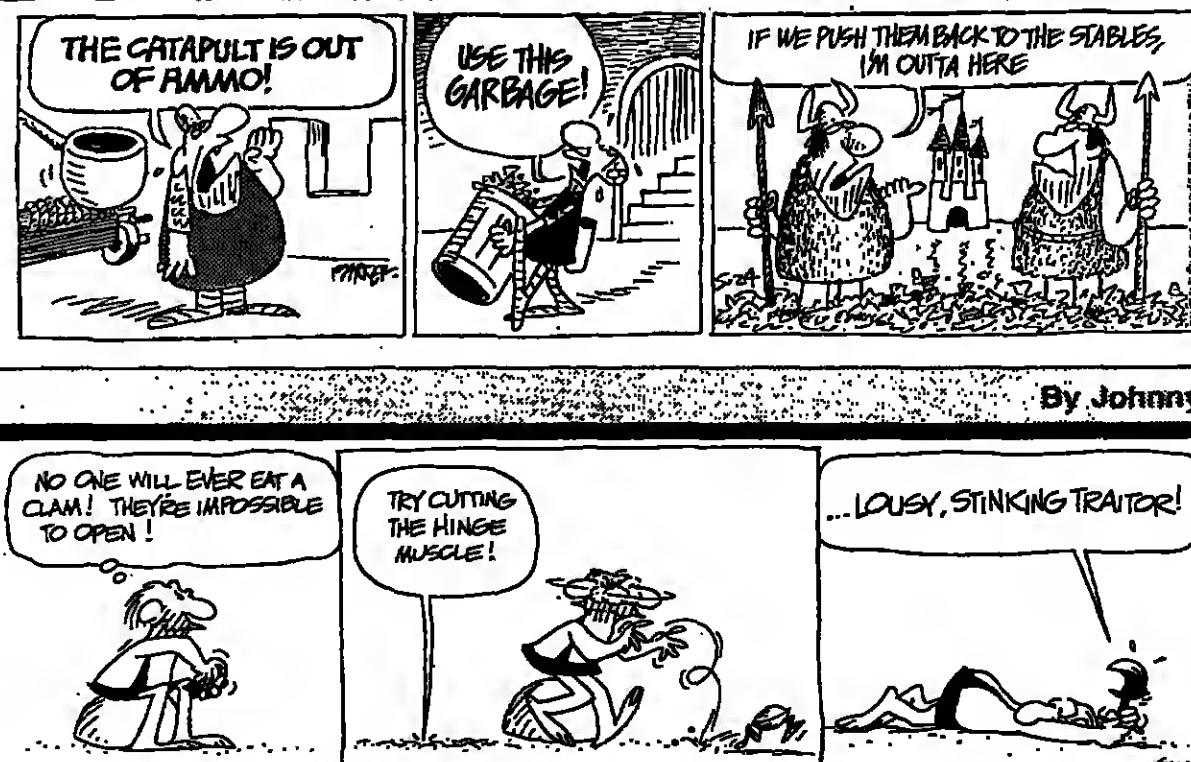


"I told you not to rent that one."



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
This is going to be an interesting day for you. You will meet someone very much to your liking. You should not think of work today. Be alert.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You will have a bright idea but its time is not yet. A friend of yours will appreciate your company. You would do well to take a little regular and gentle exercise. Be resilient.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
The Moon's influence will help you to come to the right conclusion. Avoid doing anything which you feel might not be quite right. Now is a good time to take stock of your position. Be loyal.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
Make sure you do not eat anything that is slightly stale. You will have a little difficulty making up your mind but you should not dither. The Moon's better influence will help you to avoid making a mistake. Be generous.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**
You should make sure you spend more of your time with your family. Your mood will have its ups and downs but you will be able to control yourself. The situation is quite favourable, but not everything will be just as you would wish. Be humble.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**
You should avoid all kinds of exaggerations and excesses. Do not hesitate to have a good laugh at yourself. Read a good book. Be cordial.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**
You should have a little more faith in yourself. You should stand up for yourself and those close to you. Make sure you do not do anything that might be injurious to your health. Be lenient.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**
You must make sure you do not drive too fast too far. Avoid doing anything that would put a distance between yourself and your partner. Stick to what is strictly practicable. Be less extravagant.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**
You should not expect others to do just what you would like them to do. You should try to do something that you know your partner will appreciate.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**
You should not spend too much time thinking about what might have been. Your personal life will take a decided turn for the better. You should show just a little more goodwill. Be magnanimous.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
You should take your mind off work for the day. Make sure your ideas are not out of date. You should concentrate on doing what is essential and then relax. Be firm.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**
The planetary influences are mixed and you should be on your guard. If you have been feeling tired an extra hour in bed will do you good. A decision should not be put off for much longer. Be tactful.

FILIPINO DIGEST

SNIPPETS

Dona Paz captain may still be alive

CEBU CITY (PNA): The spectre of Dona Paz, the Sulpicio Lines vessel which sank in what could be one of the world's worst marine tragedies, again started to stalk Cebu, the home port of vessel, with reports that the captain is still alive.

The family and town folk of Oslob, the home of missing Capt Eusebio Nazareno, is abuzz with rumours that he had survived the December 20 sinking in which over 2,000 passengers were reported to have perished, the widely-read Freeman Daily said in an exclusive headline story last week.

The missing captain was reported to have been seen in Batangas near the site where the Dona Paz sank after colliding with an oil tanker, townfolk told the Freeman.

The wife of the missing captain, the Freeman said, expressed the belief that her husband had survived the sinking for which reason, she said, the family has not filed any compensation claim with the Cebu-based shipping lines.

Conditions worsen at Ninoy airport

CONDITIONS at the country's Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) have apparently turned from bad to worse.

Traffic problem is almost a daily event with no end in sight. Airport officials in uniform can be seen now and then escorting arriving and departing passengers for reasons known only to them.

As soon as passengers step out of the arrival areas to get their ride, all sorts of people — illegal porters, female sampaguita vendors and child beggars — pester them.

The most exploited are departing and arriving Filipino contract workers and entertainers. They cannot avoid "fixers" who should have been ejected long ago if there were only sincere efforts to do so.

Our informants said that baggages are intentionally delayed at the carousel to give ample time for airport crooks to spot a victim. In this racket, money changes hands quickly, bleeding red the poor baltabayans and foreign guests.

What a way to desecrate the memory of Ninoy.

Over 2,000 blank passports missing

DEPARTMENT of Foreign Affairs investigators recently discovered that the number of missing blank passports may have reached 2,000 instead of 500 as earlier reported.

Sources of the DFA said the investigators have unearthed more irregularities at the Office of the Consular Services as some serial numbers of passports supposedly issued are without the corresponding application forms.

These irregularities may have occurred September 1987, barely two months before Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus took over, the sources added.

The DFA, which earlier confirmed the loss of 500 blank passports, said the missing passports may have fallen into the wrong hands.

32 Pinoys held in Abu Dhabi jail

THIRTY-TWO Filipino contract workers are being held in an Abu Dhabi jail for allegedly stealing copper from their employer.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration said on March 29, a security guard spotted a taxi outside the UTS Kallit Ltd.

The guard saw four Filipinos loading boxes into the compartment. Suspecting something fishy, the guard approached the cab but the four fled in it. He managed to list down the cab's plate number and informed the Marela Police Station.

The taxi driver was traced two days later. He then identified Luis Araniilo as one of the four men.

Upon interrogation by police, Araniilo named 15 more people who took part in the robbery. Further investigation linked the rest of the 32.

Labour attaché Roy Senares and consul Luis Albano are working round-the-clock to release the contract workers from the Abu Marela police station. Imas Martinez.

Marcoses seek help from UN

AFTER having been rebuffed several times by the Philippine government, the family of ousted President Ferdinand Marcos has turned to the United Nations for help in getting him back to the Philippines.

In an interview with a Manila radio station, Mrs Imelda Marcos said she had written the UN Commission on Human Rights "to intercede with the US government on our behalf to allow Marcos to return to the Philippines for the burial" of his mother, Josefa.

In Washington, a spokesman said the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) was expecting a formal request from Marcos to travel outside the United States, presumably to return to his homeland.

But State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley told reporters the decision whether or not to allow Marcos to return rests with the Aquino government.

Meanwhile, President Aquino stood pat on her decision not to allow the former president to return, saying the situation remains "on status quo."

She also said US officials have assured her that "they will first wait for me to ask them," before allowing Marcos to return, "and I have not asked them."

Mrs Marcos said she asked



Ex-President Marcos and wife Imelda: appealing to UN

UN Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar to pressure the international human rights body to draft a resolution asking US President Reagan to allow Marcos to return to the country.

"Ang gusto lang naman namin makabalik siya para sa libing. Babalik rin kami dito sa Hawaii pagkatapos," said Mrs Marcos, who once represented the country in the international body.

She also said she challenged Cuellar to "please apply to our case what you stand for."

Marcos has sought to return for the funeral of his mother, who died last May 4 at the age 95. Her body has been lying in state at the Santuario de San Jose in Greenhills and no date has yet been set

for her funeral.

Mrs Marcos' appeal to the UN came a week after a similar request to Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin was turned down. In a telegram to Sin, Mrs Marcos said: "I plead to you as the spiritual leader of the Filipino people to voice an appeal of a mother to allow a son, my husband, Ferdinand, to return to his motherland and pay a final homage to his mother."

Once a staunch critic of the Marcoses, Sin turned down the request, saying that President Aquino had already made her decision on the matter.

"I think the (UN) body is sympathetic with our cause," Mrs Marcos said, adding that she also

had received reports that US immigration officials were waiting for a formal request so that they can act on the matter.

"Reagan must have influenced them (immigration officials)," Mrs Marcos said while pointing out that the US President was once a close friend of her husband.

INS spokesman Duke Austin said that until the formal application for Marcos to leave the US was received, there would be no decision on the matter.

"It is our understanding that such a request is being formulated... and is expected to be forwarded electronically to Washington later today," he told Reuters.

Earlier, Rafael Recto, the lawyer of Marcos, said the INS had authorized Marcos and his family to leave the United States.

But Austin said: "There has been no decision to blanketly let Marcos and his entourage leave and re-enter" the United States.

The US position has been that Washington would not relax travel restrictions on Marcos unless Aquino agreed.

"If he does not give us advance notice (of his departure plans), he would not be able to re-enter," Austin said. Reports from Gerry Lirio, Lindeblase Romero and Renter.

Gold-diggers seek 90-day extension

By Jerry Esplanada

THERE is gold at 86 feet below the surface in Fort Santiago but the International Precious Metals, Inc. needs another 90 days to "actually recover" some 440 tons of gold bullions.

Charles McDougald, IPM spokesman and director, made this assessment late Tuesday night even as he announced that the Nevada-based firm had asked Malacanang for another extension of their permit to dig in the national shrine.

The firm's extended permit to dig expires today, and a third extension appeared most likely, with Presidential National Security Adviser Emanuel Soriano pushing for it.

Executive Secretary Catalino Macaraig Jr. said yesterday that IPM request for another extension has been submitted to his

deputy, Magdangal Elma, and Soriano "has recommended an extension."

"The evidence is still very positive and indicative that the works at the fort should be allowed to continue," Soriano told newsmen yesterday.

He also explained that IPM was proposing a 90-day extension of the digging permit since it would take about 90 to 120 days to recover the gold. In the meantime, he said, the IPM crew may stay at the fort to do restoration work.

McDougald said that as soon as IPM gets an extension they would sign a contract with the Philippine National Construction Corp. to conduct actual recovery work.

Asked about the progress of the diggings, McDougald said: "We did some magnetometer and resistivity tests and the tests

indicate that there is gold at 86 feet, not as deep as we thought."

He said the firm's crew has been engaged in "core drilling" since the cave-in that killed two Filipino workers in February.

"We haven't dug down to 86 feet because we really haven't made any diggings since," he said. "We've used machines to core-drill holes two to three inches in diameter to a depth of 165 feet to ascertain the different strata that we're going to encounter down there and also to zero in on the area that contains the material."

McDougald explained that the resistivity test allowed them to "get a picture of what's down there (and) showed us without any doubt that there is gold and where it is located."

He said that the results of the core-drilling made them more confident that there are only a few steps away from the treasure.

STATISTICS confirm what most of us already know: Filipino women live longer than their male counterparts. Their life expectancy at birth is 64.9 years, which is 5.8 years higher than that of the men (1985 figures).

The five leading causes of female deaths are pneumonia, 46.13 percent; heart diseases, 44.87; tuberculosis, 40.63; diseases of the vascular system, 42.89; and gastro-enteritis and colitis, 43.23 (1979 figures).

These are some of the data collated for the Parliamentarians' Conference on Human Survival (PARLCON '88) scheduled this September.

Other interesting data already

collected by the organizers: ● The national literacy rate in 1980 was 83.3 per cent for both sexes, with the women scoring 82.8. Urban literacy is higher than that of the rural areas.

● There are more women (54 per cent) enrolled for higher education. They are mostly in food/

nutrition (99 per cent), medical science (87), chemistry (78), teacher education (78), and commerce (67).

● In 1984, there were 8,025 million women in the labour force, or 48 per cent of the total.

● Women outnumbered the men in professional/technical occupations (63 per cent), sales (66) and service (61).

● But the men tended to get higher pay. For every peso earned by the men, the women earned only 37 centavos.

Safeway give AG&P a run for their money

By Gail Seery

AG&P have quickly established themselves in this year's Kapilku basketball tournament as the team with the most panache. From the moment they arrive on the court, till the moment they leave, they play to the crowd. Perhaps if they were not quite such a good team they would have problems. As it is, they cope with their self-proclaimed stardom very well.

Not that their victory over Safeway on Friday was so very assured. Although they won by a comfortable margin of 87 points to 63, there were times when their opponents held them back.

Both teams took a little while to settle into the game. Fuentes opened the scoring for AG&P within the first minute, but Ocampo matched him immediately, and Safeway's Saldaña took a second basket to put the Safeway team into a marginal lead.

At this point it looked as if the game was going to be a nailbiter. AG&P made a number of frenzied dashes up court only to find themselves bogged down in the Safeway defence. Two jumpballs



Action from the basketball courts: Mabuhay vs KPTC (left) and Safeway vs AG&P (right)

and a lot of bad feeling had the crowd shouting with excitement. Fuentes equalised after four minutes, but again, Cabral of Safeway took his team ahead. This time it was the flashy and entertaining Villones who brought AG&P back. For the first ten minutes of the game the score continued to limp onwards. Then, with the score lying at 10 all, Bacalagan took a basket, closely followed by a second from Navarez.

Safeway followed up with what look like more equalising tactics; Saldaña dribbled the ball up court with an impressive burst of speed, but Capati failed to cap it with a basket, and when Castro scored a few moments later it was clear that the Safeway threat was under control.

In the 14th minute of the game, Fuentes, one of the AG&P squad's strongest players, sprained his ankle. This is a relatively minor but very painful injury, and Arab Times wishes him a speedy recovery.

AG&P spent the rest of the half lengthening their lead, and the score at half time was 37-24. In the second half Villones impressed the crowd with some

very deft work, and along with Bacalagan and Navarez did much to keep AG&P ahead. Not that Safeway were convinced that they would lose. Saldaña and Ocampo worked very hard, but two strong players can't match a solid team like AG&P. It is possible that Safeway could have beaten any other team on Friday's form, but AG&P put up some very formidable basketball indeed.

Principal scorers for AG&P were Navarez with 25, Castro with 21 and Bacalagan with 16. For Safeway the principal scorers were Ocampo with 23, and Saldaña with 16.

The Kay vs Alexco game was another closely fought match, which could have gone either way right up to the end. Alexco won the game by 110 points to 101, a very disappointing loss for Kay & Associates, as everybody played well. Principal scorers for Alexco were Sagunian with 32, Saure with 24 and Suarez with 18. Principal scorers for Kay were Velayo with 39, Morales with 20 and Evangelista with 14 points, including two 3pt baskets in the first half of the match.

Kuwait Regency should not be

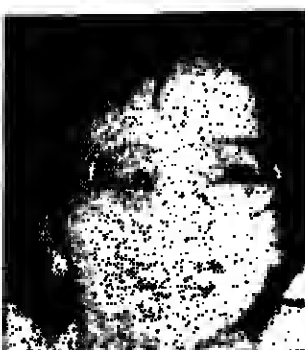
very proud of losing to Wood on Friday. Neither team was on form, and there were a multitude of mistakes in Wood's play which left what started as sound attacks looking like rather silly mistakes. Even so it was obvious that Wood would be the stronger team if they could get their act together, and Regency proved unable to stop them from doing so.

Regency were playing without Tod Vergara, and no-one else on the side had the height to make up the loss. Some good work was put in by team members, but it wasn't sustained for very long at a time.

Four minutes into the game Wood were already 9 points ahead, and moving away. Celso Tualdes of Wood played well and is clearly a vital part of the team, as is Delecto. However there was nothing stunning in the game, and the final score was 117 to 73 in Wood's favour.

Principal scorers for Wood were Tualdes with 33, Enriquez with 18 and Banzuela with 15. Principal scorers for Regency Palace were Palangin with 21, Bolito with 18 and Estorido with 13.

Peace, justice, freedom



Independence Day Message from President Corazon Aquino to Filipinos in Kuwait

I TAKE pleasure in greeting my countrymen in Kuwait on the occasion of the 90th Anniversary of Philippine Independence. This is a rare occasion when Filipinos everywhere can pause and share a moment to think fondly of home.

Ninety years is but a short span in the history of nations. But it was long enough to see us through decades of struggle to regain our independence. The road our fathers had taken was far from smooth and easy, strewn as it was with broken bodies and dashed hopes and dreams of four generations of Filipinos.

Today, we are bound by a solemn duty to make sure that the heritage of freedom they had given us will not be lost through our own negligence, the lesson is too plain and too recent to be forgotten: that which can destroy our cherished liberty can only come from our own weaknesses and lack of vigilance.

On this occasion, let every Filipino believe in his heart that we have what it takes to nurture those ideals which are the root of our liberty and dignity. Let there be no doubt that if we stand unafraid for the ideals and moral principles of our forebears, the Philippines can overcome her perils and achieve in reasonable time a life of peace, justice and freedom for us all.



Mr. Romeo Mangunay won the first prize with his entry entitled "Ten and Dreams"



Dr. Jesus Clemente (right), third prize winner, receives his prize from the Consul of the Philippine Embassy, Mr. Obleña.

Batakan ng Buto '88

Ladies see basketball action

AL GHANIM Air Freight-Al Jahra Hospital after suffering a humiliating defeat last week in their first best of 3 series game in volleyball against Fisher-Al Adan Hospital, came back strong last Friday to snatch the first game of their best of 3 series in basketball, 59-4.

A full house crowd jam-packed the Keifan Gym as both ladies teams came along prepared with their own cheer-leaders and cheering squads.

Among the top-scorers for Al Ghanim Freight-Al Jahra Hospital were: Parado-17; Izon-13; Diezmo-8; Binuro-7; Del Lora-5; Suatran-5; Arroya-2.

For Fisher-Al Adan Hospital the only scorers were: Lexy-2; Belen-2.

The half-time score was 30-0. The series of matches between

these two ladies teams is one of the most exciting matches of Kapilku's ongoing 7th Annual Palangon-Filipino Mini-Olympics "Batakan ng Buto '88."



One way of seeing the game.

June 9, 1988

Ladies Teams — Qadisa Sports Club

Singles: — Rod Mendoza (Kay + Associates) beat Franklin Mariano (Oriental Trading) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

— Jeff Nuevo (Public Port Authority-Shuaiba) beat Danny Sison (AG + P Team II) 6-1, 6-4.

— Sally Rioja beat Marion Ambas 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles: — Bert Cal/Max Ruiz (Public Port Authority-Shuaiba) beat Armando Dela Cruz/Sammy Suede (EEMC) 7-6, 5-7, 6-0.

— Edmund Abayon/Surley Lago (Kay + Associates) beat Alfred Arenas/Johnny Lloren (Oriental Trdg) 6-2, 6-2.

— Bert Cal/Ben Gonzales (Public Port Authority-Shuaiba) beat Danny Sison/Nick Pasia (AG + P Team II) 6-2, 7-5.

June 10, 1988

Basketball — Keifan Gym

Pinoy Restaurant beat RIC 113-67.

Alexco beat Kay + Associates

110-101

AG + P Co. of MLA beat Safeway 87-63.

Mabuhay Restaurant beat KPTC 118-75.

Wood Group beat Kuwait Regency Palace 117-73.

Cape Contracts beat Al Sebah Chips 85-82.

Ladies basketball — first game of best of three

Al-Jahra/Al Ghanim Freight beat Al-Adnan/Fisher 59-4.

Chess — Keifan Gym

— KPTC beat Al Ghanim Freight 4-0-0.

— Kabayan Rest beat AG + P Co. of MLA 2-5-1-5.

— Canada Dry beat Kay + Associates 3-0-1-0.

— RIC beat Arabtel (Default) 4-0-0.

Table tennis — Keifan Gym

Men's Singles: — Canada Dry beat KPTC 3-0, 3-2.

— Arabtel beat Cape Contracts

3-0, 3-0

— Al Ghanim Freight beat AG + P Co. of MLA 3-0, 3-1.

Men's doubles: — Canada Dry Beat KPTC 3-0.

— Arabtel beat Cape Contracts 3-0.

— Al Ghanim Freight beat AG + P Co. of MLA 3-0.

Ladies: — Arabtel beat Al-Adnan/Fisher 3-0.

Dart — Keifan Gym

Lawn tennis — Qadisa Sports Club

Singles: — Jun Parayon (EEMC) beat Dick Arguilla (Farwanah Hospital) 6-1, 6-3.

— Bert Cal (Public Port Authority — Shuaiba) beat Ben Roque (RIC) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

Doubles: — Joey Hapil/Renato Kaguayan (Farwanah Hospital) beat Louie Alcazar/Nick Pasia (AG + P Team II) 6-4, 6-1.

— Ben Gonzales/max Ruiz (Public Port Authority) beat Ben Roque/Chito Carmona (RIC) 6-2, 6-2.

IN FOCUS

The world today

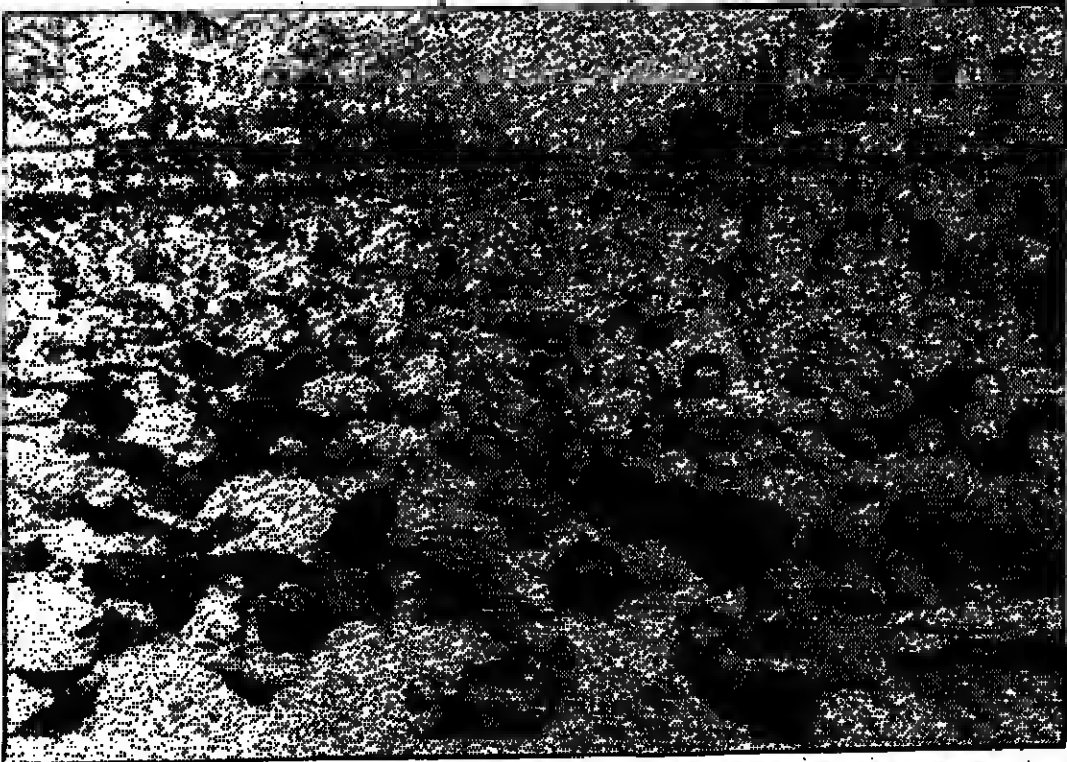
A JUBILANT Italian fan taking part in the festivities during the opening ceremonies for the European Championship yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



INSIDE Wembley Arena in London on Friday are (left to right) pop singer Little Stevan, Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, president of the Anti-apartheid Movement, Ismael Ayub, lawyer for jailed black nationalist Nelson Mandela and pop singer Meatloaf. A concert was held yesterday, organised by the Anti-apartheid Movement to push for Mandela's release. (Reuter wirephoto)



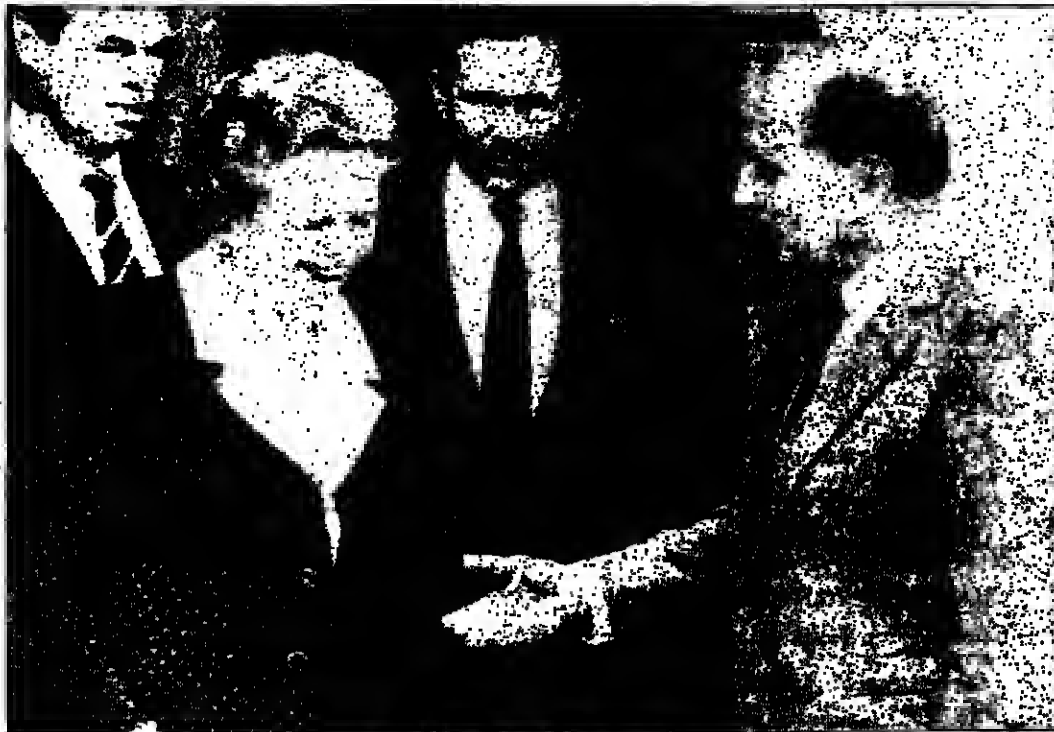
RESCUERS collect hundreds of dead fish off the river Loire on Friday after dangerous chemicals polluted the river. (Reuter wirephoto)



MORE than 3,000 South Korean students chant slogans calling for reunification of the Korean peninsula during mass street demonstrations in Seoul. (Reuter wirephoto)



SPAIN'S cheerleader Manolo meeting his Danish counterpart in downtown Hannover yesterday morning. Thousands of Danish soccer fans crowded downtown Hannover as they waited for the kick-off of the Spain-Denmark match. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher being escorted out of the Elysee Palace by French President Francois Mitterrand after their talks in Paris on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)



ACTOR Paul Newman poses with business partner, author A.E. Hotchner (left), as they discuss with reporters the establishment of a camp for seriously ill children. The camp will be supported by Newman's food company, and will open on June 26. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITAIN'S Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh wave from the balcony of Buckingham Palace in London yesterday as Prince Charles and Princess Diana (right) look on after attending the Trooping of the Colours ceremony, the Queen's Birthday Parade. Prince Charles' sons, Prince Harry (left) and Prince William (centre) watch with their parents. (Reuter wirephoto)



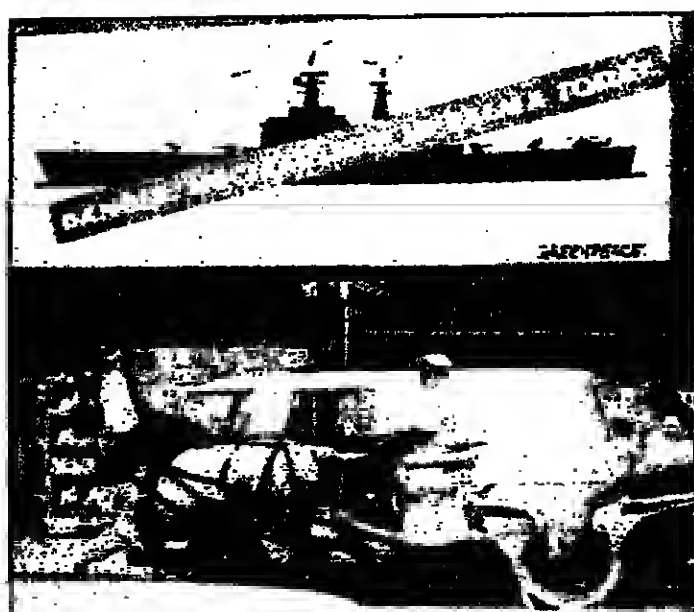
FIRST LADY Nancy Reagan adjusts a medal presented to President Reagan by volunteer organisations on Friday at the White House. Reagan was given the award after he honoured 16 volunteers. (Reuter wirephoto)



FORMER Italian President Giuseppe Saragat, 89, founder of the Social Democratic Party and one of the framers of Italy's postwar constitution, died at his home yesterday. This is a file picture of Saragat. (Reuter wirephoto)



STREET pedler Chong Swee shows off his cobras to attract customers in Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown. He sells a concoction of snake venom and traditional herbs which he claims improves men's sexual performance. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE environmental organisation Greenpeace has put up billboards in Palma port, Spain, denouncing the presence of the US aircraft carrier Eisenhower, which they claim is carrying nuclear weapons. (Reuter wirephoto)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Move to cut budget deficit

Saudis launch first major borrowing in 25 years

RIYADH, June 11, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia launched its first major commercial borrowing scheme today in an effort to cut a persistent budget deficit caused by sagging world oil prices.

After more than five months of rumours and counter-rumours to Saudi financial markets, the kingdom's monetary authority invited banks to subscribe to a 1.5 billion riyal (\$400 million) bond offering.

Bankers welcomed Riyadh's decision to borrow — breaking a 25-year-old taboo — but said the terms of the bonds were complicated and it was difficult to assess whether they would be an

attractive and competitive investment.

"We're still trying to calculate the yield," said one trader at a major Saudi bank several hours after receiving the invitation to bid.

The bonds scheme was first announced by King Fahd in his budget address at the turn of the year as a means of helping to finance a projected 1988 budget deficit of 35.9 billion riyals (\$9.6 billion).

But the government has since suffered several set-backs in its economic policy. It backed down on plans to tax expatriate workers after the proposal sparked widespread protests.

Some bankers had doubted if the bonds would see the light of day since conservative religious groups were thought to have voiced opposition on grounds that they would be based on the Western concept of interest, banned by Islam.

But the government debt is being raised through one to five-year "development bonds" whose yield is geared to the cash flow of unnamed projects — devices bankers say are designed to head off protests over the controversial topic of interest.

Bankers now expect a series of offerings, probably at weekly intervals, throughout the rest of the year although only banks in

Saudi Arabia will be allowed to subscribe.

Interest rates in Saudi Arabia hit a brief 18-month high in the past few days as rumours about the bonds leaked out and banks scrambled to borrow money in case a rush of government bond issues squeezed liquidity.

Tantamount
The government had earlier quietly placed a few bonds with government agencies, including the state pension fund, but this was tantamount to borrowing from itself and was seen by bankers as a dress rehearsal.

In the event, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), the de facto central

bank, sent its invitation to banks on the same day that oil ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) gathered in Vienna to hammer out an oil production accord.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter and a leading member of the 13-nation group, has sometimes cut its oil output in the past to help to prop up world prices.

Unsustainable

Partly because of that policy but also because of weak world prices, it has been forced to draw on more than \$40 billion of its foreign reserves to bridge a series

of budget deficits since 1983.

Bankers said this was clearly unsustainable on a long-term basis — some estimate that liquid reserves have now fallen to about \$30 billion — and the plan to borrow made economic sense.

Riyadh's budget planners had for many years fought shy of borrowing from commercial banks. There was no need to do so in the late 1970s and early 1980s when oil prices were high.

But, even as oil earnings started to drop, bankers said the government was reluctant to borrow and risk a repeat of the late 1950s when a spending spree sparked a financial and political crisis.

Texaco-Saudis joint venture talks advancing

NEW YORK, June 11, (Reuters): Negotiations between Texaco and Saudi Arabia to form an oil refining joint venture have been progressing, according to a newsletter specialising in the Middle East.

"Negotiations with Saudi Arabia are at a very advanced stage," Midwest Report quoted Texaco president and chief executive James Kinneer as saying in its June 15 edition.

The joint venture is to be part of Texaco's planned \$5 billion in asset sales, proceeds of which will be used for buying back stock, retiring debt and other purposes.

If the arrangement comes to

fruition, Texaco would operate the facilities and the Saudis "will have some say" in the management, Kinneer said.

Texaco has said it is talking with the Saudis and two other oil producers, Kuwait and Venezuela, to form a joint venture at its US refining and marketing properties.

The assets in question include Texaco's refineries at Port Arthur, Texas, Covent, L.A., and Delaware City, Del.

While providing few details, Kinneer said that if the deal is completed, the Saudis will get half of four marketing divisions in Texaco.

Wall Street hails 'summer rally'

NEW YORK, June 11, (AP): Wall Street is talking up what it bills as a "summer rally" that began at the end of May in the stock market.

After drifting downward on shrinking volume for several weeks, stocks came to life, and by Friday many of the leading market indicators had reached or approached new highs for the year — and since the crash last October.

Puzzled

The revival of enthusiasm for stocks has puzzled many observers, who haven't noticed any drastic change in the economic news.

Moody managers at investing institutions, it appears, have sim-

ply decided that economic growth is holding to a pace that is moderate enough to continue without a serious increase in inflationary pressures.

Drum up

"It certainly looks as though the summer rally I have been writing about is upon us," Greg Smith, an analyst at Prudential-Bache Securities, told the firm's clients.

In the lush world of Wall Street folklore, few phenomena are as enduring as the summer rally.

Never mind the numerous studies that have found that stock prices have no discernible tendency to do any better in the summer than at any other time

during the year.

Never mind that the very idea almost surely originated as a way to drum up business for brokers in a season when customers' attention often wanders to distractions like vacations, long weekends and baseball games.

As the past couple of weeks have demonstrated, the phrase is so firmly entrenched that it can be applied to an advance that takes place before the summer has even arrived.

By whatever name, the market turned in an upbeat showing in the past week. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks climbed 30.41 points to 2,101.71, just a shade below its 1988 closing high of 2,110.08 reached on April 12.

EEC and GCC to sign co-operation agreement

BRUSSELS, June 11, (AP): The European Economic Community and the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council will sign an economic and technical co-operation agreement in Luxembourg next Wednesday, the EEC Commission said yesterday.

The accord will be signed by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, a Commission spokeswoman said.

The accord offers cooperation in a wide range of sectors including agriculture, industry, energy and science and environment joint ventures.

It does not give the GCC any trade concessions but the EEC said it hoped to negotiate a second accord with the Gulf states that would give them better access to the EEC market.

The GCC, whose members are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain, had asked for a free trade accord to obtain duty-free entry to the EEC for their petrochemical exports.

The EEC has rejected the demand, under pressure from its own petrochemical industry which is being reorganised to curb excess production capacity.

Petrochemicals are key to the GCC efforts to ease its member states' dependence on crude oil. About 95 per cent of the GCC's exports to the EEC consist of crude oil and refined petroleum products which already enter the EEC free of duty.

The EEC had an estimated trade surplus with the GCC of 2.6 billion European currency units (\$3.2 billion) in 1987, up 8.3 per cent from the previous years.

No debt problem with Iraq: Turkey

ISTANBUL, June 11, (Reuters): Turkish Minister Kurtcebe Altinok said today he was positive about relations with Iraq and repayment of its \$2.7 billion debt to Turkey.

"Iraq is paying its debts on time, there is no question of a bottleneck, there is no problem in relations between the two countries," Altinok said.

He told Anatolia news agency that the subject of debt payments had not even been raised during two days of talks in Istanbul with an Iraqi delegation led by Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahim Al Chalabi.

On April 1, Turkey sharply cut back new exports to Iraq, its second biggest trading partner last year, because of a debt that Anatolia said had reached \$2.7 billion by the end of 1987.

Oman revives ancient frankincense industry

MUSCAT, June 11, (AP): Oman is reviving its ancient frankincense industry that flourished 3,000 years ago in southwestern Dhofar province. Aod with the help of a French perfumier it looks like it is being put back on the map after decades in the doldrums.

The Oman Perfumery on the outskirts of Muscat, Oman's capital, is opening up markets in the United States and Europe for Amouage Arabic for waves, a perfume based on frankincense and myrrh.

Frankincense is the gum which comes from a desert shrub called *Boswellia carteri* and was highly prized in ancient times as a drug, a medicine and an aromatic.

Myrrh, the resin of a plant that looks like a small cactus without the prickles, was also once harvested in Dhofar where, legend has it, the three Biblical kings gathered before following the star of Bethlehem to pay homage to the infant Jesus.

Amouage is considered to be the world's most expensive perfume, selling at 10 times of most leading perfumes: \$1,350 for 120 millilitres.

It was developed by the government-backed perfumery, also known as the House of Amouage, in 1984 and has been one of the Oman government's major successes in its effort to diversify the country's oil-based economy following the slump in oil prices.

Tested
"Amouage is the Rolls Royce of perfumes," Khalifa Al Mukheini, House of Amouage's marketing executive said.

"It was created for people who don't have to ask the price," he noted.

It took four years for master perfumier Guy Robert, a Frenchman, to develop the fragrance. He came up with three varieties which were tested on men and women in the West and around the Middle East.

A winning bouquet emerged. The formula is a closely guarded secret, locked in a Swiss bank vault.

What is known is that Amouage contains more than 100 natural ingredients, including Dhofari frankincense and myrrh, Omani lime from the Batinah coast and Omani rose found on the 6,000-foot-high (2,000-metre) slopes of the Green Mountain, known as the Jebel Akhdar.

Added to these are exotic notes including the boozy-scented tuberose, jasmine, blue chamomile, orris, vanilla, patchouli, sandalwood, geranium, ylang ylang, civet and musk.

The fragrance for men is decidedly musky. The women's is rather more floral.

Amouage now has 50 major outlets in New York, London, Paris, Geneva and the Gulf and despite its price appears to have a growing clientele.

At the top end of the market,

it's sold in sterling silver flasks with 24-carat gold inlays. But it also can be seen in cellophane sachets at airport duty free shops.

The Sultan of Brunei, one of the world's richest men, asked to buy the solid gold display edition, inlaid with lapis lazuli, which he spotted recently in London's prestigious Harrod's store with a £40,000 (\$75,600) price tag.

The perfumery declined to disclose actual figures, but said sales last year rose by 16 per cent over 1986.

Officials there anticipate another rise this year with a new marketing drive into other parts of the United States, including Beverly Hills.

"We'll soon be marketing a new brand of the exotic Arabian perfume, to be sold in French-made crystal and at about 35 per cent the price of the Amouage in the silver flasks," Al Mukheini said.

France and Britain to push for debt accord at summit

PARIS, June 11, (Reuters): France and Britain will push for a radical accord on Third World debt at the Toronto summit of the Group of Seven (G-7) industrial nations next week, French and British officials said yesterday.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who flew to Paris yesterday for a working lunch with French President Francois Mitterrand ahead of the summit, sought details of a new approach to the \$1.2 trillion debt crisis he proposed on Wednesday, officials said.

Proposal

Besides Britain and France, the G-7 nations meeting in Toronto comprise the United States, Japan, West Germany, Italy and Canada.

Officials would not say whether Thatcher would formally endorse or adopt Mitterrand's proposal, which calls on wealthy nations to write off part of the debt of the world's

poorest countries. British officials said Britain had already written off £1 billion (\$1.8 billion) of debt, under a year-old initiative of Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson aimed at helping sub-Saharan Africa.

"Our point is that we came forward with it 12 months ago and we only wish there had been action since," a British official said.

"We do seem to be talking a great deal of common ground, although quite clearly we're talking about," he added.

West Germany said on Wednesday that it is writing off about \$50 million of debt owed by five African states and is considering cancelling debts totalling another \$1.27 billion.

Mitterrand's plan would cost France an estimated 800 million francs (\$140 million) a year in lost interest payments.

A news release from Mitterrand's office said the two

leaders held a "profound examination" of EEC fiscal matters.

News reports before the meeting said Mitterrand was expected to press Thatcher to make Britain a full member of the European Monetary System, which obliges members to intervene in currency markets to maintain parity among European exchange rates.

Capital flows

The news release said Mitterrand and Thatcher had discussed the freeing of capital flows among the 12 members of the EEC under the 1992 project to open economic borders to Europe.

Mitterrand said the change should be accompanied by a "harmonisation" of savings policies to assure all the EEC members had equal competitive footing.

Thatcher was meeting with French Premier Michel Rocard in the afternoon before returning to London.

BP preparing to sell some assets

NEW YORK, June 11, (Reuters): British Petroleum Co. PLC said yesterday that it is preparing to sell between \$1 billion and two billion worth of assets over the next year or so.

The company, which has been on an active acquisition trail in the past year, also said it expects to spend more than \$6 billion on capital expenditures this year, excluding acquisitions. It said it is still looking for specific acquisitions, but did not elaborate.

The comments were in a statement released after company executives met privately with securities analysts here.

BP bought Britoil earlier this year, allowing it to expand its North Sea holdings. BP, the world's third-largest oil company, now holds a third of

Britain's Continental Shelf gross acreage with other partners. Its own share is over 40 per cent.

Last year BP bought the remaining stake of Cleveland-based Standard Oil Co. that it did not already own.

BP said it wants to acquire refining and marketing outlets on the US West Coast and retail outlets in Europe and it believes there are "good prospects" for the acquisition of specialised chemical producers in Japan and the Far East.

Ratio

The company said it expects its production to rise until 1990 and then remain stable through 1992 at about 1.8 million barrels a day of oil and crude equivalents, exceeding earlier estimates of 1992 production by 300,000 barrels a day.

It said a production decline from its Prudhoe Bay oilfield in Alaska is now expected to begin until late 1989 or early 1990 and is expected to proceed at 10 per cent or less a year.

BP's debt ratio at the end of March stood at 36 per cent, but BP chairman Sir Peter Walters said the company wanted it lower. "The objective as I have stated many times, is to reduce our debt equity ratio to around mid-30s by the end of the year."

A decline in the debt ratio would allow the company to take advantage of takeover opportunities in the future, he said. "And of course it may be that an opportunity comes up between then and now which is too good to miss — in which case the ratio may remain higher for a little longer," he said.

World Business Summary

US businesses planning record spending this year

WASHINGTON, June 11, (Reuters): US businesses are planning record spending on new plant and equipment this year, the government said yesterday. Analysts said the new projection shows that businesses were feeling increasingly confident about the direction of the economy and intended to expand to meet expected demand. "The increase in capital spending clearly should mean more jobs for Americans," AFL-CIO chief economist Rudy Oswald told Reuters. The Commerce Department said businesses planned to raise capital spending by a very strong 11.9 per cent during 1988. Earlier this year, the department had projected an eight per cent boost in such spending. The increase would be the largest since 1964 when spending rose 16.4 per cent, the department said. The Commerce Department said businesses planned to spend a \$435 billion this year on new plant and equipment. The amount, after adjustment for inflation, would be a record, the department said. The current record of \$393 billion was set in 1985. Jerry Jasnowski, chief economist for the National Association of Manufacturers, said the latest figures were particularly encouraging because the projected spending increases were not confined to exporting firms. "This mini-boom in capital spending reflects, really, three factors, including capacity restraints in the exporting industries, a rebound from the substantial declines in 1986-87 capital investment, and the increased demand for information processing equipment due to price declines for those products," Jasnowski said.

The projected 1988 increase would follow a capital spending rise of only 1.7 per cent in 1987 and a decline of 2.6 per cent in 1986.

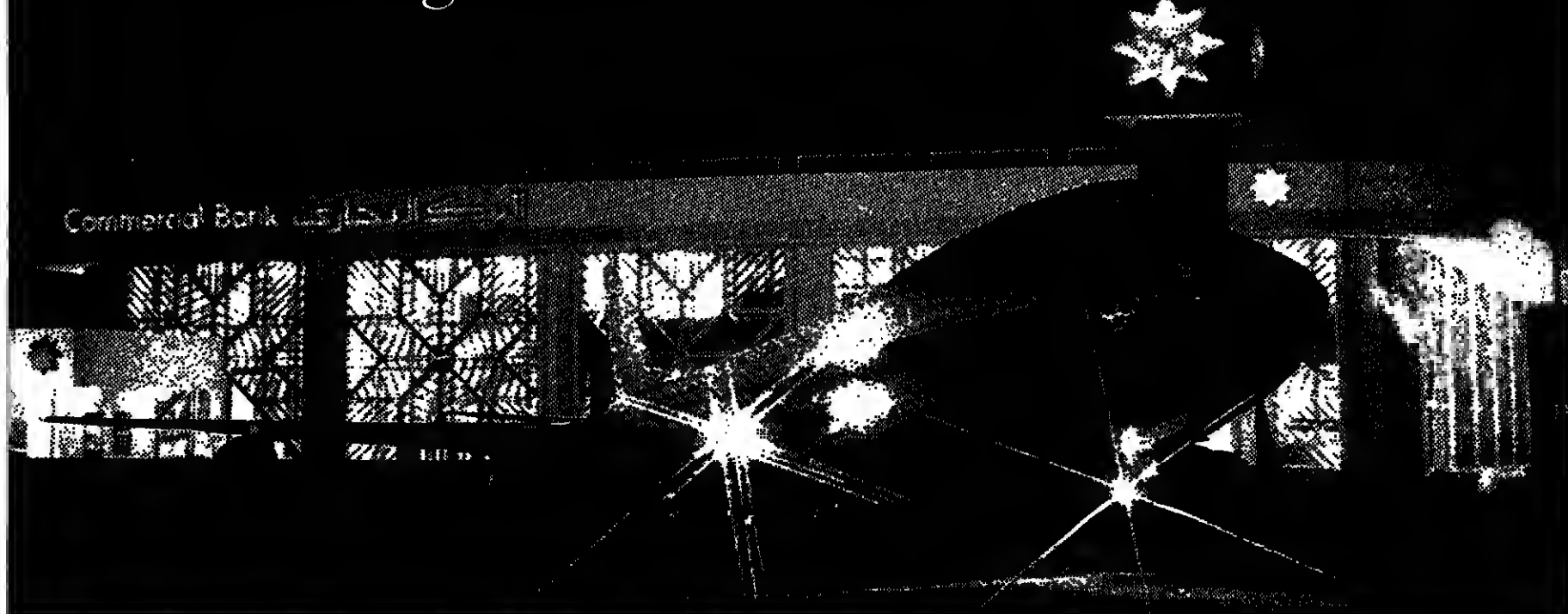
Mexico trims price of light crude for US customers

MEXICO CITY, June 11, (AP): Mexico, the world's largest oil producer, last month trimmed the average price of its light isthmus crude to US clients, the government oil monopoly said on Wednesday night. Pemex said in a statement that it charged US customers an average of \$15 and 78 cents for a 42-gallon (159-litre) barrel in May, down from the \$16 of April. The average price of heavy Maya oil rose from 12.77 a barrel in April to \$13 and 7 cents in May, the statement said. Prices for Japanese buyers were held steady in May \$15 and 30 cents a barrel for the light oil and 12.60 a barrel for the heavy brand. European customers paid less last month. Pemex said those clients were charged on average 14.99 a barrel for isthmus crude during the first 15 days of May and 12.15 for the Maya quality. In April, the average cost for Europe was \$15 and 43 cents a barrel for isthmus and 12.51 for Maya. Pemex said Mexico reported an average of 1.357 million barrels a day in May, with US buyers taking 51 per cent of the total. Spain bought 21 per cent of the total, and Japan was the third largest buyer, with a 15 per cent share. Mexico is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, a 13-member organisation, but it monitors its decisions closely and often follows its guidelines on pricing and production.

Dome Petroleum shareholders approve record takeover

CALGARY, Alberta, June 11, (Reuters): Shareholders of Dome Petroleum Ltd., the huge, troubled oil company, resoundingly approved a \$4.5 billion takeover offer from Amoco Corp.'s Canadian unit on Wednesday, clearing the way for Canada's biggest takeover. At a special five-hour meeting, Dome said holders of 87.7 per cent of its shares voted for the merger, overriding opposition from some preferred shareholders who believed the US company was not paying enough for the resource-rich firm. "We feel that the Amoco offer is the best solution and is fair to all parties," Dome chairman Howard MacDonald told the shareholders. "It clearly represented the highest estimated value to both creditors and shareholders." The new company would merge Dome and Amoco Canada Petroleum Co. Ltd., creating Canada's largest oil and gas producer. MacDonald said Dome was on the verge of bankruptcy and a restructuring plan alone would not have saved the company, which is saddled with \$5.2 billion debt. The merger was approved by the companies in April 1987 but hinged on approval of shareholders representing at least two-thirds of the combined common and preferred stock.

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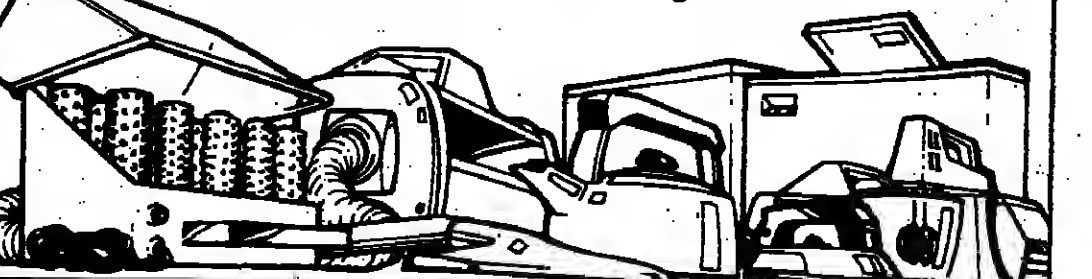
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IBF may strip Tyson of title

NEW YORK, June 11, (Reuters). The International Boxing Federation may take its heavyweight title away from Mike Tyson and is considering holding a title elimination tournament to replace him, IBF president Robert Lee said yesterday.

Lee said that if Tyson's camp continued to insist that this June 27 title bout against challenger Michael Spinks be scheduled for 12 rounds rather than 15, the IBF might be forced to take action.

"According to the original agreement, this title fight is supposed to be fought under IBF rules," Lee told Reuters in a telephone interview. "We're asking these guys to live up to the agreement."

"We don't change our rules every other day like Alice in Wonderland. It may cause me grief, but we're going to be fair."

In staging the heavyweight unification series that consolidated the World Boxing Association (WBA), World Boxing Council (WBC) and IBF crowns won by Tyson, the organizations agreed to take turns sanctioning subsequent title bouts.

The Tyson-Spinks match in Atlantic City falls on the IBF's turn, and even though the IBF has amended its rules to conform with the WBA and WBC's 12-round distance for title fights, the change does not go into effect until September.

"The only ones who want to go 12 rounds are Tyson's manager (Bill Cayton) and the WBA and WBC. Spinks said he wants to go 15... Tyson says he'd go 15, 20 or whatever."

"I don't see them weakening their position and I don't see us weakening ours so I've asked our championship chairman Bill Brennan to look into organizing a six-man elimination tournament," Lee said.

He said fighters invited to participate in an elimination tournament would likely include Evander Holyfield, Carl (Truth) Williams and Tony Tucker, Trevor Berbick and Francesco D'Amiani of Italy.

"It's a shame," Lee said of the controversy surrounding the Tyson-Spinks match. "The greatest fight of our time, and they want to make it a game of chess."



ISTANBUL, June 11, (Reuters). Saalbach in Austria was elected today to host the 1991 Alpine Ski World Championship and Val di Fiemme in Italy was elected to host the 1991 Nordic Games, the International Ski Federation said.

In 1993, the Alpine Ski Championship will be held in Morioka-Shizukushi, Japan, and the Nordic Games in Falun, Sweden, the International Ski Federation added.

The Freestyle World Ski Championship will be held in Lake Placid in the United States in 1991 and in Moscow in 1993, a first for the Soviet Union, ski federation sources said.

Ski Flying Championship events will be held in Harrow, Czechoslovakia in 1989 and in Vickersund, Finland, in 1990.

Delegations totaling 900 people from around the world had come to the week-long International Ski Federation meeting in Istanbul to fight for selection to host the Games.

Austria hosted the Alpine event in 1982, but Saalbach was still a favorite for 1991 and won comfortably with 51 votes compared to 17 votes for Garmisch, Czechoslovakia.

Val di Fiemme was also a favorite for the 1991 Nordic Games, a combination of cross-country skiing and ski jumping, and won with 62 votes compared to 15 votes for Harrow.

Federation sources said Japan's 1993 election to host the Alpine downhill and slalom events was an impressive first for Asia, whose last and only major hosting of a world ski event came with the 1972 Winter Olympics in Japan.

N. Koreans urged to join Games

UNITED NATIONS, June 11, (Reuters). South Korea is willing to wait until the last minute to allow North Korea to participate in the 1988 Olympics, their foreign minister said yesterday.

Kwang Soo Choi told the UN General Assembly: "We sincerely want our brethren in the North to join in this festival."

"The doors are open for them to accept the compromise proposal made by the International Olympic Committee or to simply participate in the Seoul Olympics on their own."

He said peace and harmony would be a theme of the Summer Games, to be held in Seoul in September.

CARAMANOLIS STOPPED IN 11TH ROUND

Williams retains IBF crown



Williams shows his happiness after retaining his title. (Reuters wirephoto)

ANNENY, France, June 11, (AP). Charles Williams of the United States retained his International Boxing Federation light-heavyweight crown by stopping France's Richard Caramanolis in the 11th round last night.

It was the first defense of the IBF title for the 26-year-old Williams. He won the crown last October against Bobby Czyz. He is now 23-4 with two draws.

Caramanolis is 35-3, also with two draws.

Williams was ahead from the start, dropping Caramanolis in the first round with a straight left and right. Holding off a constant barrage from the opening bell, Caramanolis went down to one knee with 50 seconds left. Williams tried to finish him by getting him against the ropes after the eight count but Caramanolis managed to stay out of trouble.

In the second round, Williams opened a cut below the left eye of Caramanolis and constantly bombarded the Frenchman with jabs and stinging rights. But Caramanolis held him off again.

In the middle rounds, Caramanolis became very tired and backed away from the action, dropping his arms a number of times. However Williams could not take advantage of the Frenchman's fatigue, other than opening the cut again nearly every round.

In the 11th, the accumulation of punches throughout the fight finally got to Caramanolis. He

was put down with a short left after a minute but came up after a five count. Less than sixty seconds later, Williams put him down to one knee again with a series of punches that lacked real power. But Caramanolis' corner signaled that the Frenchman had enough and referee Randy Neumann of the United States stopped the fight.

Williams felt he had a tough match. "I made one of my best fights. Caramanolis is a good boxer but unfortunately he came up against a champion of the world," Williams said.

Beaten

"I was hurt in the first round," Caramanolis said. "But I was able to recover and I held him off 11 rounds. But Williams is better than me. I was beaten by someone better than me."

"I believed until the end of reversing the fight but in the 11th I didn't have the power to continue," the Frenchman added.

It was the 12th straight victory for Williams, who hasn't been beaten since September 1984. He won the crown from Czyz last October with a 10th-round TKO.

Caramanolis, 30, was trying to become the first Frenchman in 30 years to hold a world boxing title. Two other Frenchmen, Ruffino Angulo and Jean-Marie Emebe, have failed in their attempts to gain a light-heavyweight crown in the last seven months, both losing to WBA champion Virgil Hill.

Davis shoots 63 to shatter course record

RICKMANSWORTH, England, June 11, (Reuters). Australia's Roger Davis shattered the Moor Park course record with a 63 which included nine birdies to lead by three strokes at the halfway stage of the National Pro-Am golf tournament yesterday.

Davis, who flies to the United States on Monday to compete in the US Open, said afterwards: "That was one of the best rounds I've played for a long time. My driving was unbelievable. I didn't miss a fairway."

Using a heavier putter — the fourth he has tried in his last four rounds — Davis was not called upon to give it a severe test because he hit so many shots close to the hole. He matched his nine birdies with nine pars.

His longest putt was from 20 feet at the eighth for a birdie three.

Davis stole the second-round limelight from Northern Ireland's David Jones who had earlier equalled the old record of 65 with a round which included six successive birdies. That boosted him up to joint fifth place.

Clear

Irish Ryder Cup player Eamonn Darcy held on to the lead he established in the first round with a five-birdie 69. At nine under par, he is one stroke clear of Englishman David Ray and Jose-Maria Canizares of Spain.

Canizares finished with an eagle three at the 47th yard 17th and a birdie for a 67.

Earlier yesterday, Hugh Baiocchi quit after the first round in protest after hearing two fellow South Africans had been barred from next week's Belgian Open.

Baiocchi walked out of the tournament shortly before he was to tee off in the second round and said: "I just had to make some sort of protest, however small."

Ballesteros three strokes off pace

Roberts takes one-shot lead

HARRISON, N.Y., June 11, (Reuters). Loren Roberts survived an up-and-down round to retain the lead and keep alive his hopes for his first US Tour victory in seven years at the Westchester Classic golf tournament yesterday.

Roberts, winless as a professional, followed his opening 66 with an even-par 71 for a one-shot lead over fellow-Americans Bill Buttner and Brandel Chamblee and Australian Steve Elkington.

Work

"After I hogged the first two holes I just wanted to make some pars," said Roberts. "I just wanted to be sure that I hung in there. It was work today."

Roberts also suffered a double-bogey six but recorded four birdies to balance out his card.

South African David Frost, after a 68, and Americans Ken Green and Howard Twitty, the first-round co-leaders, were hunched another shot back at two-under 139.

The Tour's leading money winner, Sandy Lyle, failed to make the 36-hole cut as he posted his second successive three-over-par 74.

"No sooner had I enjoyed a good hole than the next one would kick me in the teeth," said the Briton. "I wasted loads and loads of shots around the green."

Former champion Seve Ballesteros of Spain moved into the hunt with a 68 that left him at 140 with five other players.

"I'm surprised that the lead is only five-under. It's probably the firm greens," said Ballesteros.

Gowan retains top place

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 11, (Reuters). Caroline Gowan finished with a flourish to retain her one-stroke lead after two rounds of the \$300,000 Rochester International Golf tournament at the Locust Hill Country Club yesterday.

Gowan had three bogeys and two birdies on the front nine and lost two more strokes after the turn before charging home with birdies on 15, 16 and 17 for a par

72 and a 139 total.

"I had a great comeback today," said Gowan. "I have been doing that a lot in the last few weeks. I'm pleased with the way I hung in there and I had a good feel for the greens."

Alone in second place was Danielle Ammaucapane after an even-par round with Nancy Lopez lurking one shot further back after firing a 69.

Hampsten takes overall lead

ARTA TERME, Italy, June 11, (AP). Italy's Stefano Giuliani edged Switzerland's Urs Zimmerman to win the 19th stage of the Tour of Italy cycling event yesterday, while American Andy Hampsten held onto the overall lead.

Giuliani broke past Zimmerman in a final sprint to capture the 233-kilometre stage from Brogo Valsugana to Arta Terme

in six hours, 40 minutes and 49 seconds.

Roberto Pagnin, of Italy, led the pack to take third place, 3 minutes and five seconds behind. Hampsten finished in the middle of the pack.

Zimmerman moved past Erik Breukink of the Netherlands into second place in the overall standings, one minute and 53 seconds behind Hampsten with two stages remaining.

Senna fastest in Canadian Grand Prix practice

MONTREAL, June 11, (Reuters). Ayrton Senna of Brazil, winner of the pole position in all four Formula One Grand Prix races this year, drove his McLaren to the fastest time yesterday in the first official practice for tomorrow's Canadian Grand Prix.

Senna clocked one minute 22.392 seconds over the 4.39-km Gilles Villeneuve course on his last lap of the session for an average speed of 191.815 kph.

His teammate, Alain Prost of France, who has won three of this season's races — Senna won the other — was second fastest at 1:22.499.

Season

Austrian Gerhard Berger in a Ferrari was next quickest with a time of 1:22.719. Berger, second in the opening race of the season in Brazil and again in Monaco, is second behind Prost in the chase for the World Drivers' Championship.

Berger has 18 points and Prost 33.

Despite being the fastest qualifier for all four races this season, Senna failed to finish two of them. He was disqualified at Brazil for an illegal car change and crashed out at Monaco. He won San Marino and was second in Mexico.



Senna takes provisional pole position

The drivers' best time from two practice runs — yesterday and today — will determine the starting grid for the 26 competitors in tomorrow's race. The four slowest cars of the 30 in the official practices will not qualify.

Yesterday's session was halted for 10 minutes after separate, minor crashes by Argentine Oscar Larrauri in a Euro Brun and Italian Nicola Larini in an Osella. Neither driver was hurt.

"There was quite a long interruption after Larrauri went off the road and it was difficult to

get back into the groove with only seven minutes remaining," Senna said.

Prost said he had turbo trouble.

"I had a slight turbo problem right at the end of the session which prevented me from improving further on my time," Prost said. "The circuit here is quite dusty, but the grip gradually improved throughout the day."

Michele Alboreto of Italy was fourth fastest in his Ferrari at 1:23.976, while defending world

champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil, who has two third place finishes this year, drove his Lotus to the fifth best time of 1:24.166.

Line-up

"The car is generally good but we need to cure the understeer and to improve the traction," said Piquet, who is suffering from a bad head cold.

Alessandro Caffi of Italy was the first driver eliminated from the field. Caffi had the 26th fastest time of the 31 drivers, but missed out because his Dallara

was the slowest of the five new cars in the circuit this season.

The provisional line-up for tomorrow's Canadian Grand Prix, with native country, type of car, qualifying time and speed in mph:

1. Ayrton Senna, Brazil, McLaren-Honda, 1:22.392, 119.188.
2. Alain Prost, France, McLaren-Honda, 1:22.499, 119.128.
3. Gerhard Berger, Austria, Ferrari, 1:22.719, 118.812.
4. Michele Alboreto, Italy, Ferrari, 1:23.976, and 117.033.
5. Nelson Piquet, Brazil, Lotus-Honda, 1:24.166, 116.769.
6. Eddie Cheever, US, Arrows-Megatron, 1:24.679, 116.062.
7. Nigel Mansell, England, Williams-Judd, 1:24.844, 115.836.
8. Riccardo Patrese, Italy, Williams-Judd, 1:24.971, 115.663.
9. Thierry Boutsen, Belgium, Benetton-Ford, 1:25.173, 115.389.
10. Satoru Nakajima, Japan, Lotus-Honda, 1:25.373, 115.118.
11. Alessandro Nannini, Italy, Benetton-Ford, 1:25.561, 114.865.
12. Ivan Capelli, Italy, March-Judd, 1:25.609, 114.801.
13. Philippe Streiff, France, AGS-Ford, 1:25.878, 114.441.
14. Mauricio Gugelmin, Brazil, March-Judd, 1:25.910, 114.399.
15. Andrea de Cesaris, Italy, Rial-Ford, 1:26.039, 114.227.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Athletics edge past Rangers

NEW YORK, June 11, (AP). What, us worry?

Well, yes, the Oakland Athletics were getting concerned. But now too concerned.

"Everybody was a little worried, but so many times this season we've won games after getting behind," Oakland third baseman Curley Lansford said after his team trailed 6-5 heading into the ninth inning at Texas last night. The AL West-leading Athletics had lost five straight games.

"We had the top of the order up in the ninth and felt good about our chances."

Dave Henderson, who had a career-high four hits, got a one-out single off Rangers' relief ace Mitch Williams. He advanced to second on a balk, then scored on Jose Canseco's major league-leading 16th homer as Oakland rallied for a 7-6 victory.

Criotes 5, Yankees 3

At New York, Mike Bodie pitched a seven-hitter and Eddie Murray hit a two-run homer as the Orioles evened their all-time series with the Yankees at 293 wins each. Boddicker, 3-8, won his third straight decision since ending his team-record 13-game losing streak. Boddicker, who struck out nine and walked three, is the winningest Baltimore starter.

Blue Jays 3, Red Sox 0

Rance Mulliniks had three hits and Dave Stieb, 8-3, pitched a four-hitter for 6 2-3 innings as Toronto won its fifth game in as many meetings with Boston this year. Tom Henke pitched 1 1-3 innings for his 11th save.

Tigers 2, Indians 1

For the second time in a week, Detroit's Jeff Robinson outpitched Cleveland ace Greg Swindell. Robinson got his sixth consecutive victory and Alan Trammell's home run in the top of the seventh snapped a tie. The game was played before the Major League's largest crowd in nearly two years, 71,188.

White Sox 1, Brewers 0

Chicago scored the first run off Milwaukee left-hander Ted Higuera in 24 innings but it was enough. With one out in the bottom of the 10th, Higuera walked Harold Baines. Darryl Boston ran for Baines, stole second and reached third on a throwing error by catcher B.J. Surhoff. Greg Walker's single past first baseman Joey Meyer won it.

Twins 3, Mariners 1

Red-hot Kirby Puckett hit a two-run double in the fourth inning as the Minnesota won at Seattle for its third straight victory. Puckett's hit provided his seventh game-winning RBI of the season and his sixth in the last 19 games.

Expos 5, Mets 2

Hubie Brooks hit a three-run homer and Tom Foley drove in two runs to back the seven-hit pitching of Dennis Martinez and Jeff Parrett. Martinez, 6-6, won his third straight decision as he allowed seven hits, struck out three and walked four.

Braves 10, Astros 3

Andres Thomas scored the go-ahead run on an error and Ron Gant and Paul Runge drove in two more runs each in a seven-run 13th inning as Atlanta won at Houston. The Astros have lost three straight games and seven of their last 10.

Juan Eichelberger, 1-0, the fifth of six Atlanta pitchers, pitched one scoreless inning.

Padres 4, Dodgers 3

Pinch-hitter Carmelo Martinez hit a two-run double with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to lead San Diego past Los Angeles. The Dodgers' John Shelby was 0-for-4, ending his hitting streak at 24 games, the longest in the major leagues this season.

Giants 9, Reds 6

Will Clark and Candy Maldonado homered on consecutive pitches in the second inning and Rick Reuschel won his fourth straight start as San Francisco defeated Cincinnati. Reuschel, 9-3, allowed four hits in six innings, walked none and struck out one.

Phillies 12, Pirates 10

Von Hayes' two-run double highlighted a six-run eighth inning as Philadelphia twice rallied from five-run deficits to defeat Pittsburgh for just the second time in their last 12 meetings. Greg Harris, 3-2, the fifth of seven Philadelphia pitchers, pitched one scoreless inning.

Results

American League		
Baltimore	5	New York 3
Detroit	2	Cleveland 1
Toronto	3	Boston 0
Oakland	7	Texas 6
Minnesota	3	Seattle 1
California	1	Kansas City 0
Chicago	1	Milwaukee 0
National League		
Montreal	5	New York 2
Philadelphia	12	Pittsburgh 10
Chicago	7	St. Louis 3
San Diego	4	Los Angeles 3
San Francisco	9	Cincinnati 6
Atlanta	10	Houston 3

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Edgbaston Cup

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 11, (Reuters): American Pam Shriver kept on course to win the Edgbaston Cup women's tennis title for the fifth successive year by reaching the final today. Shriver beat South African Ros Fairbank 6-2 6-1 and then laboured to a 6-1 4-6 6-3 triumph over compatriot Lori McNeil as tournament officials set up two rounds to get back on schedule after time lost to bad weather.

Princess Ann

YORK, England, June 11, (AP): Britain's Princess Ann rode a horse bred by her mother to victory in a race named for her grandmother today. The princess scored her third victory as a flat-race jockey, riding Longshot Insular to a 12-length victory in the Queen Mother's Cup at York.

Curtis Cup

SANDWICH, England, June 11, (Reuters): Britain and Ireland retained the Curtis Cup women's amateur team golf title when they took a winning 10-6 lead over the United States in the final singles today.

Milk race

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 11, (AP): Vasily Jdanov gave the Soviet Union its seventh victory in 12 years in cycling's Milk race today. With a total time of 47 hours, 37 minutes, 18 seconds, Jdanov beat Czechoslovakia's Petr Prikl by a 1:05 over the 12-day, 1,125-mile (1,807-kilometre) course.

World record

LENINGRAD, June 11, (Reuters): Galina Chistyakova of the Soviet Union set a women's world long jump record today when she leaped 7.52 metres. The previous record of 7.45 metres was held jointly by East German Heike Drechsler and American Jackie Joyner.

Italian team

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 11, (AP): The Italian soccer team today left for Frankfurt to prepare for their second Group 1 match against Spain with feelings of regret at having squandered chances to upset West Germany in the opening game of the European Championships.

Belgrade player

BELGRADE, June 11, (Reuters): Red Star Belgrade midfielder Refik Sabanadzovic has returned to soccer after making a full recovery from serious head injuries.

Soccer hooligans

STUTTGART, West Germany, June 11, (Reuters): Small numbers of English soccer hooligans brawled with West German and Italian rivals in several West German cities today and police said more than 30 fans were briefly detained.

W. German ace

ISTANBUL, June 11, (Reuters): West German international soccer ace Toni Schumacher is to sign a 600 million lire (\$450,000) two-year contract with Turkish First Division club Fenerbahce on July 1, the club said today.

Glasgow Rangers

LONDON, June 11, (Reuters): Scotland's Glasgow Rangers yesterday pulled out of a pre-season soccer tournament in the Netherlands because of fears of crowd violence which could jeopardise their appearance in the UEFA Cup next season.

Stuart McCall

LONDON, June 11, (Reuters): Stuart McCall celebrated his 24th birthday yesterday by signing a five-year contract with leading English soccer club Everton. McCall, a striker, joined Everton for £850,000 sterling (\$1.55 million) from Second Division Bradford City.

Bologna tennis

BOLOGNA, Italy, June 11, (AP): Kent Carlsson, Emilio Sanchez and Martin Jaitte, the top three seeds in the Bologna tennis tournament yesterday won semifinal berths.

Norway triumph

BEIJING, June 11, (AP): Norway beat Brazil 2-1 and Sweden 2-1 yesterday to enter the finals of the first international women's soccer championships in Canton.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Wednesday.
N/S: 1. Dr Hassan Al Zaid & Ibrahim Qatani
2. A. Latif & Sultan Ali Halder
3. Ignace Meouchi & Marcel Zamaniri
E/W: 1. K.T. Simon & Srinivasan
2. Bharat & Gajjar
3. Kh. Zahari & Shah Salman Ali & Carsten.

MICHEL, BUTRAGUENO AND GORDILLO FIND THEIR MARK

Real trio take Spaniards past tough Danes

HANOVER, West Germany, June 11, (Reuters): Spain capitalised on defensive errors to beat Denmark 3-2 and take the lead in Group One of the European Soccer Championship finals today.

Lapses of concentration by the Danes let in the Real Madrid trio of Michel, Emilio Butragueno and Rafael Gordillo for the goals which gave Spain their third successive win over Denmark in a major tournament.

The Spaniards eliminated Denmark from both the 1984 European Championship and the 1986 World Cup.

Supported by more than 30,000 noisy fans who turned the Niedersachsenstadion into a sea of red-and-white, the Danes' hopes of avenging those defeats were kept alive after Michael Laudrup equalised Michel's early opening goal.

But Spain scored twice again in the first 22 minutes of the second half and the second Danish goal through Flemming Povlsen seven minutes from time was little consolation for the defeated Danes.

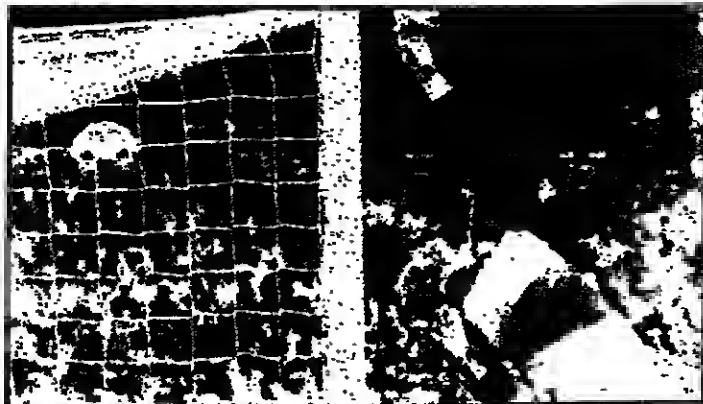
West Germany and Italy drew 1-1 in the opening group match yesterday.

The cold and damp of the afternoon was quickly forgotten as Spain went ahead five minutes into the match.

Denmark's veteran captain



Butragueno (left) sends the ball past Danish goalkeeper for his team's second goal. (Reuters wirephoto)



Danish goalkeeper Troels Rasmussen reaches in vain to try and block Gordillo's shot. (Reuters wirephoto)

Morten Olsen was slow to move forward, playing Spanish attackers inside. He paid the price as Michel played a deft one-two

with Ricardo Gallego and struck a firm shot past goalkeeper Troels Rasmussen into the Danish net.



Butragueno leaps into the arms of teammate Manuel Sanchis (No. 8) after scoring the second goal for his team. (Reuters wirephoto)

The Danes settled down despite the setback and 20 minutes later drew level following a superb solo run by Laudrup.

Picking up the ball on the right, he jinked through the Spanish defence to score, erasing the memory of a frustrating

season in Italy when rarely in form for his club Juventus.

Michel had a golden chance to restore Spain's lead in the 35th minute of a pulsating first half when he was put through by Butragueno only to be fouled by John Siveback in the penalty area.

But Michel failed to convert the penalty, Rasmussen diving to his right to parry the Spaniard's spot kick.

Both sides made one substitution at half-time, and eight minutes after the break Butragueno found himself with the ball in front of goal after a mix-up in the Danish defence.

Although he too has had scoring problems this season, Butragueno had plenty of time to choose his spot and steer the ball past Rasmussen to restore Spain's lead.

Managed

It was the Danish goalkeeper's turn to pay for a lax moment 14 minutes later. Gordillo saw that Rasmussen was way off his line and struck a fine left-footed free kick from 30 metres beyond the giant Dane's reach and into the goal.

The small band of Spanish fans in the stadium made their presence felt as their Danish counterparts fell silent, but Denmark managed to salvage some pride with a second goal as Povlsen headed Jan Heintze's cross in off a post.

W. Germany and Italy set attacking tone

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 11, (Reuters): West Germany and Italy gave the 1988 European Championship finals the start soccer fans were looking for, throwing caution to the wind in a thrilling 1-1 draw yesterday.

Opening matches all too regularly produce dull, defensive stalemates but both teams attacked from the kick-off in a lively encounter which kept the 65,000 crowd at Dusseldorf's Rheinstadion in a festive mood.

Opened

The goals came within four minutes of each other early in the second half. Roberto Mancini opened the scoring for Italy seven minutes after the break before Andreas Brehme struck back for the hosts.

The young Italian side created more chances and looked more dangerous in a match which should set the tone for a feast of soccer action in the eight-nation finals.

Italy, who beat West Germany in the 1982 World Cup final, have never lost to them in a major



W. Germany's Matthias Herget (left) pulls on the shirt of Italy's Gianluca Vialli to keep him from scoring. (Reuters wirephoto)

tournament and they showed no sign they intended to break that unblemished record.

But the hosts, who have the fortunate gift of getting it right when it matters, put their disappointing recent form behind them, even if their attack lacked the cutting edge to break down the tight Italian defence.

cini to drive home past West German goalkeeper Elke Emmel.

The West German equaliser had to be the fault of Italy's otherwise excellent goalkeeper, Walter Zenga.

He was penalised for taking too many steps with the ball in the 56th minute, an offence always overlooked by referees but not by England's Keith Hackett.

Pierre Littbarski took the indirect free kick two metres inside the penalty box and tapped it to Brehme who rammed it along the ground through the defensive wall to beat Zenga just inside the right-hand post.

Italy should have grabbed the winner six minutes later after another defensive slip, this time by West German sweeper Matthias Herget. But left-back Paolo Maldini drove wide when it looked easier to score.

Maldini, at 19 the youngest player in the tournament, was also the first to be booked. He was penalised after only six minutes for a foul on Jurgen Klinsmann.

Becker and Edberg reach final

LONDON, June 11, (AP): Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg, two of the big favourites for Wimbledon, reached the final of that Grand Slam tournament's main draw today.

Becker, seeded No. 4, ended the giant-killing feats of Australia's Darren Cahill as he whipped the Adelaide righthander 6-2 6-4.

Edberg, the top seed, beat 13th seed Guy Forget of France 7-6, 6-1 in the semifinals.

After winning the first set tiebreaker by seven points to four, Edberg produced his finest tennis of the week following several shaky performances.

His serves were accurate and deep, his returns irrefragable and his volleys crisp and confident. The perfect recipe for grass.

Becker, Wimbledon champion in 1985 and 1986, clearly disliked the cold, windy conditions and served seven double faults against the unseeded Cahill.

"So bad, so bad," the West German, the defending champion, screamed at himself in his native tongue just before losing his serve for the only time in the match, midway through the first set.

Fernandez wins

EDINBURGH, Scotland, June 11, (AP): Gigi Fernandez, a last-minute recruit for the event, beat Wendy Turnbull 6-2, 6-2 today for the Women's Championship of the Bank of Scotland grass-court tennis tournament.

Fernandez, from Puerto Rico, used a strong service game to beat the 35-year-old Australian and win the £10,000 first prize.

The men's championship will be decided tomorrow, with Sweden's Peter Lundgren meeting Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek.

Jordan Rally will be hard and fast, say drivers

AMMAN: Drivers in the Rothmans Jordan Rally returned last night from practice in the desert south of Amman and declared: "It's going to be a very hard rally."

This third round of the FISA Middle East Championship begins on Wednesday when 36 cars — headed by the Rothmans Audi Quattro of No. 1 seed David Llewellyn — set off from the Marriott Hotel on a three-day, 1,150-km journey around the Hashemite Kingdom.

Cleared

Clerk of the course Derek Ledger has chosen the route well. "Several of the gravel special stages have been smoothed and cleared of rocks so they are going to be very fast."

The grading of the stages was welcomed yesterday by Llewellyn's Rothmans teammate, Saeed Al Hajri of Qatar, who has won here three times in the past and is confident of a fourth victory. "These stages will really suit the Audi," he said. "The faster, the better."

Al Hajri is realistically, the only driver who can prevent Middle East champion Mohammed Bin Sulayem of Dubai from retaining the title. But the Toyota driver is a very hard man to beat in any circumstances and the

quite amazing reliability of the Celica turbo gives him a substantial psychological boost.

"The biggest fear of any rally driver is that something will go wrong with the car," Al Hajri added. "But the Toyota hasn't broken down in a rally for years and the security of that knowledge is worth a lot."

The Rothmans star also feels he is overdue a little luck. A puncture cost me victory in Qatar and my win in Kuwait was overturned on a technicality. But it proved at least that the Audi is the faster car."

Reports that Sulayem could seal the championship in Jordan are regarded here as being foolishly premature and one observer said: "It is still very wide open. Al Hajri is only 12 points behind and there are three rounds to come after this. Apart from that, only five rounds are counted so Al Hajri can discard his worst result."

Sulayem himself is much too experienced to pay credence to any PR man's romantic optimism and the stage is set for possibly the most enthralling rally of the 1988 series.

The dark horse is Llewellyn, holder of a coveted A seeding and winner of last year's European Championship Rothmans

Cyprus Rally. The former UK open champion is currently competing in the Scottish Rally and will not arrive here until Tuesday.

Although he was practising in Jordan two weeks ago, his absence at the moment does nothing for his chances and he also lacks the desert experience of Sulayem and Al Hajri. Even so, he adds another dimension to what is so often a two-car race.

Surprise

Michel Saleh, the most colourful character in regional rallying and currently lying a distant third in the championship, could well surprise the favourites. Although the engine of his Emirates-sponsored Audi Quattro is still in Europe, his car — once complete — is a formidable machine and Saleh is an exceptionally fast driver.

Jordan's Prince Abdullah has the heart for a serious challenge but, unfortunately, not the wheels. His ageing Opel Manta is no match for the powerful Audis and the Toyota. Affairs of the State and his duties as an Army officer also leave him little time for rallying. He has, however, considerable potential as a driver and sensible pursuit of the leaders could ensure a place in the top five.



Llewellyn (right) after winning last year's Cyprus Rally.

Porsche and Jaguar suffer early blows

LE MANS, France, June 11, (Reuters): World champions Jaguar and arch-rivals Porsche both suffered major blows today in the first two-and-a-half hours of the Le Mans 24-hour sports-car race.

First, Jaguar's top car, driven by John Nielsen of Denmark, spun off to lose a lap. Ninety minutes later the Porsche of Briton Derek Bell, five-times Le Mans winner, ran low on fuel and suffered an acceleration problem while leading. The car limped into the pits but lost two laps and dropped to 10th.

Nearly

Jaguar, fielding five cars altogether, took advantage and after nearly three hours of the annual spectacular they were lying first, third and fifth.

On lap 46 the number two Jaguar of Dutchman Jan Lammers and Briton Johnny Dumfries led by 37 seconds from the Porsche number two of Frenchman Bob Wollek and South African Sarel van der Merwe.

Dumfries said: "At the moment we have no problems. Traffic has been no difficulty and I am very happy."

Alghanim retain 2nd place

ALGHANIM FREIGHT maintained their number two slot in the Palarong Pilipino bowling '88 tournament with a 3-1 victory over Kuwait Airways at the 300 Club Silver Tower on Thursday and Friday.

Alghanim won the first game 817-797 while Kuwait Airways took the second 853-808. The third game ended 912-821 in Alghanim's favour. Ness Sugale was the top scorer for Alghanim with 572 points while Rico Pino got 392. Boy de Santos 347, Ryan Abdon 321, Jessie Javier 321, Bada Borja 293 and Edgar de la Fuente 291.

In the other men's games Mohil Oil beat Public Ports Authority (Shuaiba) 3-1, Atlas International Corporation also scored a similar win over Kuwait Regency Palace. Kay & Associates defeated Al Nakest 3-1, Hatid Lagay. Abughosh Int'l were held to a 2-2 draw by Oriental Trading and Kabayan Restaurant were awarded a bye.

In the women's division, Oriental Trading thrashed Crown Trading Establishment 4-0 to take the top spot while Mahuhay Restaurant dropped their first game in their 3-1 victory over Alghanim.

Oriental Trading's Lando Cahuro took the men's High Game with a total of 227 pinnfalls and was followed by Rico Pino and Ness Sugale with 209 points each.

Ness Sugale took the Men's High Series with a total of 572. Manny Inerito was second with 566.

In the women's division, Eva Sabay of Mahuhay Restaurant, took both the High Game and High Series with scores of 188 and 512 respectively. Tonette Arizabal shared the High Series with Eva Sabay and also finished second in the High Game with 183. Julie Sayed took the next best score in the High Series with a total of 484 pinnfalls.

Gatting faces disciplinary action

LONDON, June 11, (Reuters): Mike Gatting, dismissed as England cricket captain on Thursday, faces disciplinary action over a chapter in his forthcoming autobiography, the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) said today.

Gatting was told yesterday that his publishers had rejected his request to delete a chapter on the recent controversial tour of Pakistan.

The chapter contravenes a TCCB ruling forbidding players to publish memoirs within two years of a tour. "If the book appears with the chapter intact, then he will almost certainly be disciplined," TCCB chief executive Alan Smith said.

Admitted

Gatting was dismissed as England captain after he admitted taking a woman back to his room during the first Test against West Indies.

Gatting said in a radio interview yesterday he would take on the job of England captain again — if he were asked. "I have enjoyed my time as captain immensely. It has been an education and one, perhaps, which I would like to carry on in the future," he said.

"I have no regrets. There have been good moments and bad moments."

West Indies battle for runs

NORTHAMPTON, June 11, (Reuters): Opener Desmond Haynes laboured almost four hours for 72 as West Indies were made to work hard for their runs on the first day of their three-day match against Northamptonshire today.

Haynes was sixth out with the score on 203 but then Roger Harper and David Williams shared a stand of 81 to help the side to a respectable 288 after they had been sent in to bat.

They each scored 44 but then the last four wickets fell in the space of four runs.

Earlier, captain Viv Richards had cracked a cavalier 39 from 54 deliveries, including a straight six off Duncan Wild, before he was bowled by England discard David Capel.

Left-arm spinner Nick Cook finished with the economical figures of three for 66 from 30.2 overs.

Fast bowler Courtney Walsh then struck twice when Northamptonshire began their innings, dismissing Wayne Larkins and Alan Forham to leave the home side on 40 for two at the close.

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